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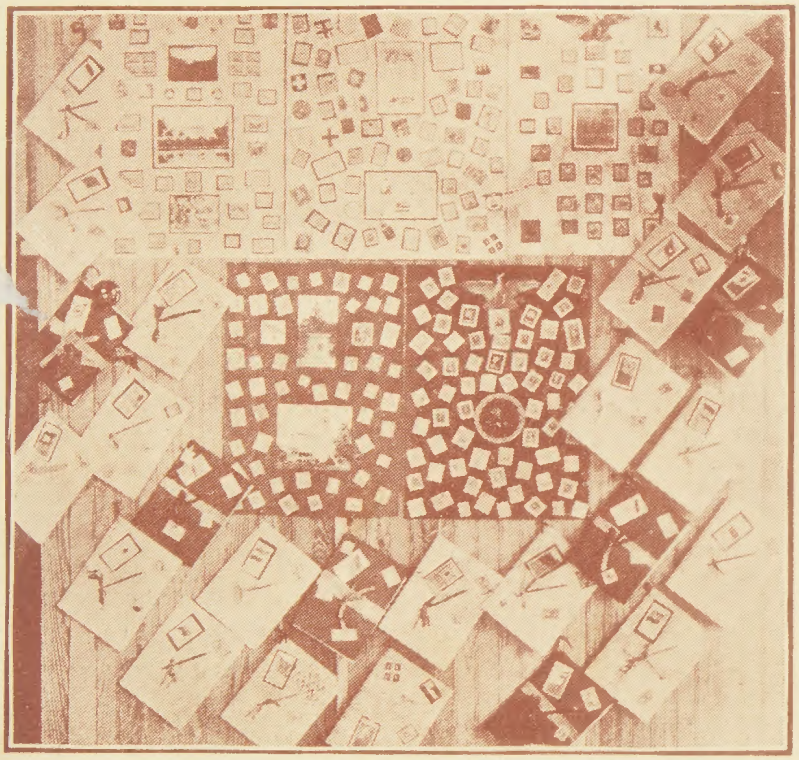


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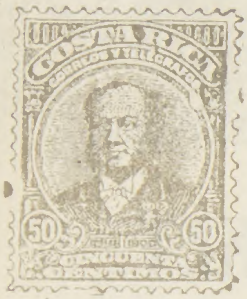
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Atlas Stamp Co., Brooklyn, N. Y. Report they received over 400 orders from one page ad in the WEST and replies are still coming.

OVR ILLVSTRATIONS

G GARABEDIAN sends a card from Syria, and had ads when he lived in that country, and says he got good returns from the WEST. He has sent a new ad which you can see in this issue. He says also "I think it may be very interesting to the Americans, although for us—Christians in the Orient —it is one of the commonest scenes Both men in the picture are in the attitude of prayer, which they call Namaz. Perhaps few Americans know that every Mohammedan is, by the commendment of the Khoran, ordered to pray eight times a day. They have two bells in their Mosks The Iman,or the priest,ascends to the Minaret, and there turning to the four sides of the world, cries loudly the inviting prayer, which begins with the words "Allah ekber Allah" (God the most high). Hearing this the people go to the Mosk, but nobody can enter it unclean. There are public fountains in the court of each mosk. The people have to wash their feet,then hands to the elbows and their heads and face. After this is done they enter the mosk, taking away their shoes at the door. Moslems who are not found near a mosk at the time of prayer, pray wherever they are found. After the usual cleaning they spread a piece of rug or something else on the ground, take off their shoes and put aside, turn towards east,and begin to pray. They stand erect with their hands held up murmuring words of prayer. Then they kneel, then approach their faces to the ground, then stand up once more, all the while murmuring prayers. They do this kneeling and standing performance several times, after which the prayer is over. The Mohammedans are very fanatic and perform this ceremony eight times a day without getting tired of it."

HERBERT E MOREY. The photo was taken by a Herald reporter in his office after explosion and wreck of safe on Oct. 29. "I give a few facts of my life. Born, Apr. 21, 1848. Have been a collector of coins since 1857 and of stamps since 1863. I graduated from Malden High School in 1866 and from Massachusetts Yale College in 1872. Started at the coin and stamp business in 1889 and stayed in one place until last year when I was robbed four times and obliged to move for self protection to present quarters. Will say outlook is better than ever and am sorry I did not move years ago." He has had ads in The WEST for more than five years

E. P. HOLMBERG, of Casper, Wyo., makes and sells photographic post cards and calendars of western life and scenery,especially of Wyoming. One of Red Men on the old stage coach, taken by him. Will use more in later issues

PART OF Rob N. Mercer's collection. The rest will be given in the next issue. This collection of Ancient Mound-Builders Pottery comprises over one hundred pieces, most of them collected in Arkansas, and known as the Riggs collection, that is they originally belonged to him. This collection was gotten together back in the early seventies by an old U. S. government Indian scout who lived among the different tribes of Indiansand spoke their languages. He was one of the last of those picturesque personages then and if living today to dress in buckskin and moccasins; the old frontiersman since passed away, with the buffalo extinct, wandering and following the different trials of the then Wild West,compared to future years. He collected for my father, the late R. W. Mercer, Archaeologist, and others, was over six feet tall and followed by a pack of dogs, in full western dress even

when he visited the cities to sell his relics and to get supplies to trade with the Indian tribes.

The idols are of the Hindoo and the Aztec including the three Ancient Mound-Builders idols from sunny Tennessee. They were all found near the same place. I have two more very fine mound builders idols, both of them females, not on the photo as I have them separate and could not wrap them with the roll. The collection of pottery is as fine as there is and whole pieces of such in a large collection like this are very rare and out of the ordinary and cannot be duplicated bar none. There are plenty of cracked and otherwise damaged utensils to be gotten. The collection of pottrey is on exhibition here, and not for sale, only as an entirety. Might consider and split it, but I would do that part if got good offer. The idols are for sale separately except that the Tennessees go together and any inquiries merely for information or curiosity enclose postage. See more vie vs next iusse.

PAT RYAN, Chadron, Nebr, was formerly connected with the Northwestern Railroad, and run into Superior for several years. He reports he has the largest collection of Indian goods of any one in the U. S. He had a special train to the Pan American Exposition, where he displayed his Indian goods, and the Exposition authorities gave him close to $2000 to show them and he sold over $5000 worth while there. He has the basement of the Omaha Library filled with part of his collection. He expects to offer his collection for sale to the city, if they wish to buy it.

OUR COVER ILLUSTRATION represents Mr. Lieplinger's idea of displaying stamps, emblems,etc. His idea is a good one for anyone wishing to exhibit philatelic work and is as follows: He has taken heavy cover paper tied with ribbon and covered it with stamps, seals,flags,photo views,emblems, etc., on the outside and on the inside has several lots of cheaper stamps on sheets in shape of cross and other designs with pockets on side of covers to put in duplicates. or envelopes can be used as well. I think it is one of the best ideas I have seen, and can be made of use in schools, colleges and among young people generally. He says: "I take the liberty to enclose one of the many souvenir stamp Christmas albums, which I donated to the children of officers and soldiers on the evening of the Christmas tree—about 50 books in all were prepared I was at it three weeks,sorting.counting and pasting. Every minute of my time was taken, as the honor of my philatelic ability depended on my action. Tomorrow evening a play will be produced at the pavilion by the children of the camp. After the play the stamp books will be delivered Five beautiful prizes are to be exhibited later at the pavilion. consisting of portrait stamps. animals, landscapes, emblems and coat of arms. Stamps well arranged on large sheets covering almost a 10x16 wall (Will send photograph later). Two months from date the collections of each child will be examined, exhibited and prize awarded. My aim was to gain recruits, to serve philately—to circulate the principal philatelic publications (WEST & Mekeels) and to please the children. I hope the attempt will be successful. I worked hard for it and used over 3000 good stamps for prizes, etc, and about 6000 for the books. Every number of the WEST is gone—therefore I request to be sent a volume of 1904 5 6 7."

The WEST issues has been exhausted. The publisher wishes to hear of the success of anyone who has carried out this idea, or any other ways.

Southern Philatelic Association

OFFICERS FOR 1908.

President, F G Fuessel ..... 4417 Gibson Ave, St Louis, Mo
Vice President, Chas Waring ..... Knoxville, Tenn
Secretary-Treasurer, R L Doak ..... Box 60, New Bedford, Ohio
Sales Supt, Chas Roemer ..... 206 Adams St, San Antonio, Texas
Exchange Supt., Wm. E. Ault ..... Jeffersonville, Ind.
Auction Manager. F. G. Fuessel ..... 4417 Gibson Ave., St. Louis, Mo
Attorney, F D Goodhue ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
Information Bureau, Julian Park, 510 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, N.Y.
Counterfeit Detector, S, V Saxby ..... Rockford, Ill.
Int. Secretary, H Fenton ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
Librarian, Dr R L Allen ..... Waynesville, N C
Trustees: H A Herzog and H G Askew ..... Austin, Texas
Official Organ, The WEST. Annual Dues 25c. Initiation Fees 10c

Recruiting Committee — L L Dickerson, Fitzgerald, Ga. / H S Powell, Storm Lake, Iowa / Charles Roemer, San Antonio Tex / F G Fuessel, St Louis, No. / H H Trulock, Mt Clair, N J / John H Humes, St Louis Mo

SALE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, Jan, 20, 1908.

57 book in circulation as per last manth's report value $1357.22
12 books received since value 113.35

69 books value $1470.57
12 books retired during the month of which the amount of $76.61 was sold value 431.32

57 books in circulation value $1129.25

INSURANCE FUND.

Amount on hand as per last month's report $58.43
1 per cent from retired books 3.41

Total amount on hand $61.84

Members wishing to place stamps in Sales circuit should write for blank books, price 5cts each, and those wishing to receive approval lots should send in their names at once.

I trust all members will take an interest in this Department and express same by their acts. Respectfully submitted.

Charlie Roemer, Superintendent.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

New Members:—

Van Martin, Fitzgerald, Ga.
A. C. Stewart, St. Clair Bldg., Toledo, O.
Eben S. Martin, 9 Oakland Crescsent, Chicago, Ill.
B. F. Egan, 509 S. West St., Indianapoils, Ind
J. C. Rice, 122 Alamo, Plaza, San Antonio, Texas.
L. Crandall, Ithica, N. Y.
Cecil Reaves, Fitzgerald, Ga.
Alvin J. Fink, 604 Jefferson St , Dayton, O.
Albret R. Davis, 637 Jefferson Ave , Indianapolis, Ind.
B. S. Davis, 510 S. Lee St., Fitzgerald, Ga.
G. W. Ingram, 126 Wick St., San Antonio, Texas.

Branch No. 1 chartered as Georgia Stamp club, Fitzgerald, Ga.

Applications:—

1 E. R. Wood, 610 W. 178th St., New York City,38,salesman,Charles Waring, Augustus Wheeler.

2. Geo. W. Pursell,309 Broadway,Pueblo,Colo., 47,broker,H. S.Powell, R. L. Doak.

3. Ralph L. Mutz, 1026 5th Ave., Fort Dodge, Iowa,14, student, R.L. Doak, W. E. Mutz.

4. Walter E. Goodwin, Dover, N. H , 22, postoffice clerk,R. L. Doak, C. A. Stegman.

5. James F. McNay, 115 Marion St., Seattle, Wash., 40, publisher, Frederick Chandeler, W. A. Ely.

6. John A. Soloman, East Greenwich, R. I., 21, clothier,R. L. Doak, C. E. Severn.

7. Charles S. Hiboard, 6 Weaver Block, Utica,N. Y.,diamond broker, R. L. Doak, A. D. Blair.

8. Henry Ernst, 201 Rossville Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn., 29, stamp dealer, L. L. Dickerson, John B. Cameron.

9. Clarence V. Webb, Perry, Ohio, 12, student, R. L. Doak and D. J. Webb.

10. H L. Washburn, 330 S. Fannin St., Houston, Texas, 27,cheif deputy Co. cleark. Jack Ralston, Jules Herch.

11. H. F. Hovey, box 192, Imlay City, Mich , poultry breeder.

12. Wm. V. Miller, c-o Merchants Nat. Bank, Cincinnatti, Ohio, teller, Stanley B. Asbrook, Merchant's National Bank.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts:—

On hand last month	$14 19
Received during the month	9 60
Total	$23 46

EXPENDITURES.

To WEST for Advt. and official organ	$2.62
To printing stationery	2.25
To Secretary postage for the month	1.35
Total	$6.25
On hand	$17.24

SUSPENDED.

The following members, not having their dues up to the time of going to press are suspended and unless paid by Feb 22nd, will be dropped:

Nos. 19, 50, 85, 163, 164, 168, 171, 174, 177, 180, 259, 264, 266, 272,273.274, 275, 281, 282, 287, 295, 297, 300, 303 304, 308,309,314 and 315. Please look over this list and see if you are one. If so remit 25c. AT ONCE.

Dear Members:—As we enter upon the dawn of another year, I hope to see all members take an active part in promoting the S. P. A. Our record in the past has been fine yet we have room for improvement. Why not try and get at least one new member? Surely there is one among your philatelic acquaintances who would willingly join if invited Write to me for a supply of blanks.

Dealers and Collectors:—Do you know that the S P. A. would prove a decided benefit to you? Our Sales Dept. has many fine advantages. Why hestate? Just write me for blank. Fraternallfy,

R. L. Doak, Secy., New Bedford, O.

Jan. 25, 1908

I have the pleasure to announce that the Exchange Department of our Association is now ready for business and below you will find the rules governing same. I trust to have the support of a good portion of our members and am sure you will find it to your interets to patronize this branch, as it will enable you to dispose of your duplicates at practically no cost. Preserve these rules for future reference.

RULES.

1. All stamps must be in good condition and mounted in books, marked at current catalogue prices. Books will be furnished by the Manager at three (3) cents each.

2. Credits based on the amont and kind of stamps submitted, will be allowed each member participating in the Department.

3. In event a greater amount of member's stamps be taken than the credit assigned him, this difference will be added to his credit in next circuit. But in case he keeps more stamps from the circuit than are taken from his books, this amount will be deducted from his next credit.

4. The books will be circulated only among the members sending in stamps for exchange.

5. Accompanying each circuit will be a list showing to whom the circuit is to be sent and the credits, debit or credit balances and net amount each member is entitled to select from the circuit. In no case can a member select more stamps than this net amount.

6. Each member will be allowed to retain the circuit three (3) days.

7. All spaces from which stamps are removed must be marked with the name of the member retaining the stamps.

8. All circuits must be forwarded by registered mail and each member is responsible for the value of the circuit (based on 60 per cent of catalogue value) until he has a receipt from the next member on the list.

9. The Manager may reject any book which in his judgment is not of sufficient quality for exchange.

10. Each member must report immediately on forwarding each circuit to the Manager with the amount of stamps he has retained.

11. A commission of 3 1-2 per cent of the gross amount of each book, payabe in stamps of the Manager's selection, will be charged by the Manager.

12. A charge of ½ per cent of the gross amount of each book, payable in cash when books are entered, will be made, same to become an Insurance Fund, which will be deposited with the Treasurer, to pay losses, which will be settled at 60 per cent of catalogue value.

13. This is purely an Exchange Department and any balance due when a member desires to withdraw from the Department, must be settled in stamps acceptable to members to whom balances are due.

14. Each member entering books must receive circuits in exchange.

Wm. E Ault, Jeffersonville, Ind.
Manager Exchange Department, Southern Philatelic Association.

The Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt, now issued at Hamburg, Germany, serves as a sort of philatelic international clearing-house, representing as it does more than 150 philatelic societies on both sides of the Atlantic. It serves much to show to what extent philately has spread over all parts of the globe.

Fiscal Department

I have attempted to fill the part of Fiscal Editor of the WEST and I will be pleased to receive notes at any time of new issues and of variaties not catalogued of old issues and all such sent me will be noted here with proper credit. F. A. Brown, East Peru, Iowa, Lock Box 7.

My notes this month will bring together some scattered items by different parties and they are found mostly in "P. W." Taking up the celebrated Dr. Kilmer's Provisionals: In the ' P. W." Vol. 25, No. 3 is an article by Dr. J. M. Brooks and he refers to an article by Mr. J. W. George in "Amer. Jour. of Phil." for December. I would be pleased to see same if anyone will send same to me.

The Dr. K. surcharged on the 1c,2c,and 3c of the issues current in 1898. There are three types: 1st, Roman Caps, in 3 horizontal lines.—"Dr. K & C o.—I. R.—75-'98" on 1c, 2c, 3c only, one date.

2nd,Celtic Caps.—Horizontal five line Surch.—"Dr. K. & Co.—I—Rc.—Binghamton, N. Y.—(date)" Dates are 7-5-98' also 7-6 7-7 7 8 7 9,7-11, 7-13 7-14.

3rd, Gothic Caps same Surch. as above—same dates except 7-6.

The Celtic type is not found dated 7-13 or 7-14 on the 3c. The Gothic is not found dated 7-6 on either 1c 2c or 3c,nor is it found 7-13 or 7-14 on the 3c. These of the Main Varieties Nos. 1, 2, 3 Roman type Nos. 4 25 inclusive, Celtic type and Nos. 26 48 inclusive Gothic type. They are printed in black, red and also blue Surch. have been seen of the 7-5 '98 date. If any one knows of color prints double prints or Inverts, please let me know

Next come the St. Louis Prov. 1st A. K. Type set on plain paper ⅛c black on yellow paper, "P. W." Vol 23, No. 3. Illus. 2½c black on white paper, "P. W." Vol, 20, No. 2. 2nd Van Dyke, same form as A. K., Illus 2½c on white paper "P. W." Vol. 22, No. 2 3rd Lambert Pharmacal Co. Same type., Illus. 2½c on white paper. Vol. 20, No. 2 Then we have the 1c Omaha surcharged "I. R , L. H C" 1000 were used by L. H. Chapman who carried on an express business in the state of New York.

I have a copy of the 2c current 1898 stamp Surch. "Tone Bros —I. R.—8 5 '98. Manuscript. Tone Bros., a Spice Co. of Des Moines, Ia., used a number of them on gum manufactured by them. They wrote me they did not know exactly how many they used. See P W., Vol. 20, No. 3.

I will be glad to hear from any other provisionals.

I will give a few items to bring up to date the lists of Mexican Fiscals I have given in the past in the P. W.

Federal, 1905 06—1c sepia, 5c green, 25c claret,1p carmine,5p red brown, 10p dark green, 50p blue and carmine, 100p blue and green, 500p brown and pale blue.

Federal 1906 07—1c green, 5c blue, 25c carmine, 1p blue,5p rose,10p deep slate. 50p light green, 100p red and black.

Documentos 1904 05—1c green, 2c red, 5c brown, 10c yellow, 25c bla 50c violet, 1p blue, 5p green, 10p red, 50p dark blue

Documentos 1905-06—1c sepia,2c blue,5c green, 10c black, 25c claret, 50c blue green, 1p carmine, 5p red brown, 10p deep green,50p black and carmine, 100p pale blue and green, 500p brown and pale blue.

Documentos 1906 07—1c green. 2c orange, 5c blue, 10c sepia,25c carmine, 50c bright violet, 1p light brown, 5p bright rose, 10p deep slate, 50p light green, 100p red and black.

Send along your notes on any fiscal of any country. If your town issues a liquor license or any other special tax, send a specimen or description.



St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society

President	Chester Myers
Vice President	Adelbert Strauss
Treasurer	J. H. Humes, 4127 Chouteau Ave
Secretary	Geo. Wood, 3920 Maffitt Ave
Sales Supt. and Librarian	S M. Schoeman
Auction Manager	H. A. Diamant
Entertainment Committee	F. N. Chase, Chairman
Recruiting Committee	Geo. Wood, Chairman

To the officers and members of the St. Louis Stamp Collcetors' Society.

Gentlemen:— With this, the last meeting of the year 1907, the St. Louis Stamp Colectors' Society completes, with the same feeling of satisfaction experienced by the collector who adds another prize to his collection, its third year of good philatelic works.

With the end of the old year comes rejoicing in recalling not only the pleasure and profit afforded members, but also in noting the material progress the Society has made, witnessed by this summary of membership:

Membership January 1st, 1907	41	Dropped	11
New members	12	Resigned	1
Reinstated	4		—
	57	Total membership to Dec. 30th, 1907	45

Perhaps to the casual reader this growth is not remarkabe, but to one who knows the state of neglect into which philately had fallen in St. Louis it is gratifying to note, that not only have we retained our former members but have interested a few new ones. The officers as elected for the year were: President F. R Cornwall, Vice President, J. H. Humes, Treasurer, Dr. Paul Baer; Secretary, Chester Myers; Governing Board, Above officers and Wallace Delafield Jr., Dr. J. W. Higson, Millhousse, Geo. Schellhorn.

The resignation of Dr. Baer as Treasurer, was received early in the year and Wallace Delafield, Jr., elected in his stead.

Mr. S. Hopkins who so ably conducted the Exchange Department during the early months of the year was obliged through lack of time to resign his position. Mr. S. M. Schoeman then elected to the office has given valuable service to all who have made use of this feature.

During the month of May the St. Louis Manufacturers' Assocation moved it offices from the Merchant Exchange Building to Rooms 803, 804, 805 Wright Building, where the Society has been generously extended the use of comfortable quarters for holding meetings.

The entertainment features, many and varied and in every sense entertaining, consisted of informal discussions of the topics of the day, the exchanging of ideas and stamps, auction, competitive exhibitions of Austria, Jamica, United States, Norway, Hayti, of "stamp quizes." etc., etc. The Society purchased a copy of "The Stamp King" which circulated among and was greatly enioyed by all members. In the Fall a novel scheme of entertainment was attempted and proved a thorough success, that is, the appointment of a new Entertainment Committee for each meeting who provided prizes and original entertainment of the nature mentioned above.

Messrs. Cornwall, Hopkins and Long very generously donated $10.00 worth of stamps to be sold at auction for the benefit of the treasury. Membership cards of appropriate design were prepared and distributed among the members.

So much for the past,—now a word as to the future: It is generally conceded that new members are necessary to the continued success of every

organization; our Society is no exception. New members are also essential to the life of the sales and exchange department. Let us therefore make strenuous efforts this coming year along recruiting lines and then let us remember, that where the work of the Recruiting Committee end that of the Entertainment Committee begins and that ample provision should be made for making our meetings as attractive and entertaining as possible. And lastly, because all of us are proud of our Society and happy to be identified with it, let us by all means have an official emblem.

With these few suggestions I close with my heartiest thanks to each and every member for constant support and uniform courtesy, bespeaking a similar kind reception for my successor.

Respectfully submitted,
Chester Myers, Secy.

The seventy-third regular meeting of this Society was held Monday, December 30, 1907, accustomed time and place, President Cornwall in the Chair and the following members present: Messrs. Baer, Bollman, Chase, Cornwall, Humes, Millhouse, Myers, Schellhorn, Straus, and one visitor, Mr. Anschuetz.

The Secretary's annual report was read and accepted and ordered published in the official organ.

A vote of congratulations was tendered President Cornwall on his triumphs with his superb collection of Cape of Good Hope.

The entertainment for the evening consisted of the President's talk on stamp matters in general, and Cape's in particular and also an impromptu "Deestrikt Skool" devoted to the verbal spelling of the names of stamp issuing countries after the fashion of old time spelling bees. Mr. Strauss proved his knowledge of "stamp names" by "spelling down" all others and thus gaining the prize offered by your Secretary.

Next meeting Tuesday, Jan. 7th, 1908 Rooms 803 805 Wright Building.
Chester Myers, Secretary.

The seventy-fourth regular meeting of this Society was held Tuesday, January 1908, usual time and place. President Cornwall presiding and the following members present: Messrs. Baer, Boisselier, Bollman, Chase, Cornwall, Delafield, Diamant, Kennedy, Millhouse, Myers, Schellhorn, Schoeman, Strauss and one visitor, Mr. Anschuetz.

The report of the Treasurer Mr. Delafield was read and accepted. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follow:—President, Mr. Myers; Vice President, Mr. Straus; Treasurer, Mr. Humes; Governing Board Messrs. Baer Delafield, Diamant, Millhouse, Wood and above mentioned officers.

S. M. Schoemann, for Secretary.

The seventy fifth regular meeting of this Society was held Tuesday, January 21st, at the usual time and place. President Myers presiding; the following members being present: Baer, Chase, Diamant, Humess, Long, Millhouse, Myer, Schoeman, and Wood; also one visitor, Mr. Wm. J. H. Anschuetz.

Mr. Schoeman handed in his resignation as Secretary. It was accepted with regret and Mr. Wood, who received the next highest number of votes at the election held last meeting, was intalled in the office.

Dr. John W. Higson having removed to Salt Lake City sent in his res-

ignation from the Society and it was accepted with sincere regrets.

The President announced the following committees: Entertainment, Chase, Chairman, Delafield, Schellhorn; Emblem, Cornwll, Chairman, Strauss, Gildehaus; Recruiting, Wood, Chairman, Baer, Diamant, Humes, Johnson, Schoeman, Sisson, Slack.

The President also announced that Mr. Schoeman had consented to continue as Sales Superintendent and Librarian, also that Mr. Diamant had aggreed to act as Auction Manager.

The Chairman of the Recruiting committee reported that a list of stamp collectors in St. Louis had been gathered from various sources, by the President and a copy of the same would be furnished to each member so that an active campaign to increase the member ship could be inaugurated.

Mr. Diamant moved that the dues should run for the year from month members were elected—carried.

Mr. Long moved that the number of resident members be limited to fifty, all applications received after that number is reached should be put on a waiting list and an initiation of $1.00 thereafter be charged—carried.

Mr. Diamant moved that the names of applicants be published in the Official Journal and come up for action the following meeting—carried

The Chairman of the Entertainment Committee reported that it had been decided to hold stamp competitions at each alternate meeting; the countries decided upon for the first six months with date being as follows: February 4, Netherlands; March 63, Germany; March 31, France; April 28, Sweden; May 26, Denmark; June 23, Canada.

Mr. Diamant moved that prizes be offered to every exhibitor whose collection awarded fifty points or over—carried.

Mr. Long moved that the basis for judging collections should be, completeness 30 points, condition 35 points, general appearance, 35 points.

The Auction Manager requested that all stamps for auctioning should be handed in the previous week so that a list of them could be forwarded to members with notice of meeting.

The Sales Superintendent complained that some members held the exchange books longer than the regulation two weeks. It is hoped that the guilty parties will take the hint, otherwise there is a suggestion of proposing a fine for future delinquency.

To stimulate better attendance the President suggested that the Secretary publish periodically a report of Active Members' attendance.

The evening's entertainment as provided by the Committee consisted of ten questions or brain-twisters. The prizes were carried off by Messrs. Schoeman and Wood with winning percentages of 80 and 56 respectively.

The application for membership was received from Wm. J. H. Anschuetz, U. S. Sub-Treasury.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 4th. There will be something doing. Competition, Netherlands. All collectors in and around St. Louis—non members included—are urged to attend without fail.

Geo. Wood, Secretary.

A limited collection might be built up of stamps recognized by the Universal Postal Union, or of stamps not recognized by that body. In either case the line of division would be instructive.

LARGEST STAMP SOCIETY IN AMERICA

Stamp Collector's Protective Association of America

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 3, 1899.

President--- E. Chandlee,.....Roanoke, Va.
Vice-President, S. P. Hughes.....Omaha, Neb
Secretary-Treasure—L. Brodstone,.....Superior, Neb
Sales Superintendent---Leon V. Cass,.....New Milford, Pen..
Auc. Manager---R. Williams.....W. Roxbury, Mass.
Attorney---H. Swenson,.....Minneapolis, Minn.
Trustees---Wilkinson, Brown, Hopson,.....Omaha.
Official Organ, The WEST.

We are sorry to report the death of Foster Lilly, Sabetha, Kans., who was sec'y Kan. Phil. Soc'y, died Dec 25th , also son of Houston, Wash. D.C.

New Members:—R. C. Sabin, Syracuse, bx, 449, Ref C. Killam. J. E. Sawtell, 25 Kendall St. So. Farmington, Mass. Ref. Cass E. J. Gree, Detriot, Mich, 678 Morrell St. C. W. Merritt, Norway, Iowa, Rfd. C. Estes, Omaha, 2433 S. 20 St. W. L. Parker, Morgan Hill, Calif., R. F. D 24, Bx 55. G. Gunderson, Minneapolis, Minn., 2317 25th Ave, South. Percy Bergen, Farley, Ia. R. Miller, Des Moines, Ia. A. F. Thiessen, Charlotte, Ia. L. G. Cline, Denver, Colo. 1451 So. 9th St. O. D. Walbridge, Marseilles, Ill. Dr. Furnam, Chicago, 223 E. Ontario St. W. C. Barnager, Ft. Scott, Kans., Bx 494. C. W. Palmer, San Antonio, Tex., 1615 No. Comal St. Grace Cubine, Bx 123, Coffeyville, Kans. J. Kelly, Omaha, 2554 St. Marys Ave. F. T. Keifer, Syracuse N. Y. 1200 State St. Frans Fox, Manchester N. H. 552 Lincoln.

Complaints have been made on Cooperative Stamp Co., Canal Dover, Ohio, and banks report have left for parts unknown. Was member of A. P. A. and other Societies. Can any reader give information of this company?

Southern Post Card Magazine gives free mention to Sherborne, Philadelphia, Pa, Spec'alty Co of Schenectedy, N. Y. and Photo Co. Springfield, Ohio, who also owes us for ads. Would like to know if any other readers have claims on any above mentioned names, so we can combine and put it in the hands of someone who can make it worth while to look into the matter. We expect to make mention of advertisers who do not pay bills in next issue.

Wheeler of Alabama, complains of Southern Curio Co , New Albany, Miss., and others. Wylie of Ill., complains of Campbell, D.C. who has been reported before. Reported to have left the city.

SALES SUPT'S REPORT.

Members desiring to buy medium grade foreign at bargain prices should write me to put them on circuit at once.

If you have stamps to sell cheap, it will pay you to remit 3c each for some sales books and put them on circuit. Write me today.

Leon V. Cass, Sales. Supt.

Morley's Philatelic Journal, the "revenue paper," in its September nubmer gives a series of fine illustrations of the old Newspaper Tax Stamps of Great Britain. It had some before, and it appears that the list will now be made very nearly complete. It will be remembered that years ago some collectors mistook these stamps for postage stamps.

The Stamp Collector of Birmingham says that Larawak is to be pronounced with the accent on the second syllable, and that the second a must have the sound of ah.

Canadian Philatelic Society

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Official Organ---PHILATELIC WEST	

The annual general meeting of the Society was held Wednesday at the rooms of the Montreal Philatelic Society, kindly loaned for the purpose, and the work of opening and counting ballot was proceeded with. The results were as follows:—

For President, Oliver W. Barwick, majority 9. For Vice President, Canada, J. A. Craig, Yarmouth, N. S., majority 12. For Vice President, U. S., C. H. Fowle, majority 11. For Secretary-Treasurer, R. J. Mundell, majority 6. For Sale Superintendent, H. Smith, majority 23. For Auction Manager, G. P. Legrand, majority 14. For Librarian, H. A. Chapman, majority 10. For Attorney, G. F. Downes, majority 13. For Purchasing Agent, H. C. Nelson, majority 5. For Trustees 1, O. L. Baillargeon, 2, Wm. McKee, 3, N. Husguenin. For Official Organ WEST. Fees for 1908, 50c; Yes. (3 against 50c fee).

The office of Vice President seemed to be the favorite, many names being suggested, and the final count showed the result to be a tie between J. A. Craig, Yarmouth, and H. L. Hart, Halifax, with 12 votes each and Wm. McKee, Montreal a close second with 11 votes. Mr. Hart had already written the Secretary expressing his wish to be relieved of office for the coming year, so the Vice Presidency went to Mr. Craig.

The President requests that all officials forward him at once, a report showing the condition of their respective department as of Dec. 31st, 1907; this is important and should be attended to without delay.

To all Members C. P. S:—

In commencing a new year of our Society's history the most important work to be performed will be the increase in size of our membership roll: We have at present 126 members and two applications pending. Why not make 1908 a banner year? This matter of securing new members can be made a very easy one if you, as members, will assist. Can you not one and all suggest at least one likely candidate? Either send for a blank or drop me a card with particulars. If the members are indifferent, how can they expect the Officers to be otherwise? The realization of the Society's ambitions should be the realization of our own, and a membership roll of 256 or double its present size means just that many more advantages possible. If you will each secure one new member, this will be accomplished.

Will those member who have neglected or overlooked their overdue fees please send them along at once—the bylaws provide that names of delinquents shall be published in the Official Organ in addition to discontinuing their subscription and while we will not promise the former, we cannot order any more copies of the Organ sent after this notice; please look after the matter.

While on the subject of the Official Organ I would like to request that all members who do not receive their paper regularly will drop me a card

with full particulars, when I will arrange with publisher to forward missing numbers.

Hoping you will make an effort to pring in a new one,—

R. J. Mundell, Secretary.

Applications received:—

1. T. E. Morgan, Delhi, Ont., Merchant, recommended by A. E. Steele, Delhi, Ont., and R. J. Mundell.

2. J. A. Lachaine, St. Martin, Que., Contractor, recommended by Montreal Stamp Co., also member A P. A, 2230, C. C. C. 3007.

Notes on Election:—We are curious to know whether the proposal to nominate Mr. Andrew Carnegie as Librarian, emanated from the brain of some public spirited member or if it was merely the clannishness characteristic of the race to which Mr. Carnegie is supposd to belong blossoming forth; also by what method of calculation the voter for Mekeel Weekly ahd a 25c fee arrived at his answer.

A SHAMEFUL BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN A SHAMELESS MANNER.

The self-confessed forger by the name of F. Fournier continues to send out his circular letters with samples of forged surcharges on stamps, boasting that his counterfeits can stand the most careful comparison with originals and that he can defy all competition by the cheapness and excellence of his work. It is true, he sells his counterfeits as such and claims that he makes them of obsolete stamps only. But what he does not say, he is doing right along; he is furnishing the material for cheating and defrauding the unwary stamp collector; he is destroying the value of genuine surcharged stamps; he is disgusting and discouraging the timid, encouraging the criminal, and tempting the weak; he is sowing album weeds broadcast wherever he finds buyers for his stuff; he is floodng the market with worthless imitations and detroying confidence; he is working to detroy philately and philatelic pleasures and robbing his clientss, as he calls them, at the rate of 1 to 5 cents for every genuine stamp that he spoils Is a man of this kind to be trusted or aided? Would he be apt to return a genuine stamp that is valuable? Is the selling of a genuine stamp to him for his nefarious purpose right? Is it not as much as abetting a criminal? Is there nobody in Switzerland who feels the injustice of his undertaking and who is able to arouse the judicial or if necessary the legislative authorities against such abuse of the printers art!—(Dorpat).

Paul Kohl's Reform Katalog. The many intermediate collectors. who do not wish for fine philatelic distinctions and split hair varieties but still want a catalogue, are receiving the fulfillment of their wish for a simplified catalogue both in England, by King's Cat., and in Germany, by Kohl's Reform Katalog. Evidently it was a hard task though for Mr. Kohl to restrict himself to necessities. There are a number of notes and references to the larger work of the same author, and anyone using the smaller one cannot help learning that there are some things worth knowing, even if one is not willing to follow the specialists into all their intricate details. For a simple "straight variety" guide a better book can hardly be found. In the appendix there is a list of books in German, English, French and Italian, that would form a fine philaltelic library, also a list of albums, packets and accessories. The book contains 875 pages of clear and clean print.—(Dorpat).

The Junior Stamp Club of Denver, Colorado

Organized Oct. 19. 1906.

OFFICERS

Honorary President, Dr. H. A. Davis	1622 Welton St
President, C M Snyder - - -	2825 Wyandotte St
Vice President, A L Nell - -	2558 W 32nd Ave
Secretary, V N Garreson - - - -	220 E 22nd Ave
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Exchange Manager, L C Nelson - -	309 16th St

Board of Trustees: S A McManus, Chairman; L De La Vergne; J Cook

Meetings: First and Third Friday in each month. Dues: 50c per year, payable in advance. Official Organ: WEST.



Denver, Colorado December 27, 1907.

MINUTES.

The 27th regular meeting of the J. S. C. of Denver was held Dec. 20th, at 309 16th St. With seven members and one visitor present the meeting was called to order with Pres. Nell presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

During the absence of Sec. Garretson Mr. Nelson acted in that capacity. James Jackson and Paul J. McIntire were elected to membership in the J S. C. Three being no new business to come before the club plans for the banquet were discussed. It was decided that the banquet was to be held at 309 16th on either the 17th of Jan or the 7th of Feb., this to be decided at next meeting. Several committees were appointed to look after certain parts. J. C. Skinner, E. R. Vanderhoof and R. Jackson were appointed as the committee to take charge of all the arrangements.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p. m

Yours fraternally, V. N. Garretson, Secy.

MINUTES. Jan. 5, 1908.

The 28th regular meeting of the J. S. C. of Denver was held Jan. 3rd at 309 16th St. With ten members and one visitor present the meeting was called to order with Vice Pres. Snyder presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were postponed until next meeting on account of the absence of Sec. Garretson at the last meeting.

Application was received from Woodlief Brazier, 3233 Vallejo St., Denver. Proposed by J. C. Skinner and guaranteed by W. H. Woodlief. Contract was rewarded to C. M. Snyder for the printing of application blanks and he promises to have them ready by the 10th of Jan. Also contract was awarded to him for printing the club 1,000 letter heads to have a picture of some pretty stamp in one corner and the motto of the club 'FORWARD' in the other. Further plans for the banquet were arranged and it was decided to hold same on the 17th of ths month. J. C. Skinner was given the right to bring the table and charge same to the club.

After a very enjoyable evening, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p. m., to meet again on the 17th.

Yours Fraternally, V. N. Garretson, Secy.

MINUTES. Jan, 23, 1908.

The 29th regular meeting of the J. S. C. of Denver, was held Jan. 17th,

regular time at 309-16th St. With twenty members and one visitor present the meeting was called to order with President Nell presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Applications were received from John S. Kramer, 2222 W. 32nd Ave., reference F. F. Kramer and proposed by J. S. Skinner. Also from Fred Fellows, 3159 Vallejo St., Denver Reference Mrs Fellows and proposed by J .C. Skniner. Resignation of Mr. McLean was received and accepted. There being no new business the club adjourned to the banquet.

The second annual banquet of the J. S. C. of Denver was held after the 29th regular meeting of the club Jan. 17th. As every member that was assigned to some duty did the same to perfection, the banquet was a great success. With Honorary President Davis as toastmaster, speeches were heard from the following members: H. A. Davis, C. M. Snyder, V. N. Garretson, A. L. Nell, J. C. Skinner, L. C. Nelson, A. C. Roessler, and E. R. Vanderhoof. Many interesting talks were given on stamps,stamp clubs and stamp papers. Through the courtesy of the 'Denver Republican' a picture of the club was taken. Members dispersed at 11:00 p. m., to meet again on Friday evening, Feb 7th.

Fraternally Yours, V. N. Garretson, Secy.

Philatelists who are also philologists, may find "Die Welt—Warte" of interest and value. It is the official organ of the Mezzofauti—Bund,a league of philological clubs and societies named in honor to Guiseppe. Mezzofanti (Milan 17741849), who, it is said, understood 70 languages. The November number contains a very interesting report about Esperanto and the "Delegation pour l'adoption d'une langue internatonale auxiliaire," stating that the 'Delegation" has adopted Esperanto as being nearest to the ideal international language and expects to by a few little changes (which however will not essentially alter Esperanto) to make it still more acceptable and useful. Monsieur de Beaufont the inventor of "Adjuvanto" who abandoned his own creation in favor of Esperanto is active in this movement and it is hoped that the "Esperanto Lingua-Konistate" will cooperate with the "Delegation", which represents about 18000 scholars (professors and teachers) and 300 clubs and societies of all kinds of arts and sciences.

A British Farthing Stamp. While stamps of the value of one centime are common in Europe, where they serve to frank circulars and printed mater of light weight, British stamps of the face value of one farthing are somewhat of curiosities. Strictly speaking, however, the newest farthing stamp is not a postage stamp at all, since it is not used for franking postal matter. It is issued by that philatelically speaking smartest of all our Colonies New Zealand and its purpose is said to be to allow traders to give their customers a discount and they are cashable at any postoffice in the colony. But we must admit that this explanation will not fully explain the purpose and use of this extraordinary stamp of the small value of about one-fiftieth of a shilling.

The number of pieces handled annually in the U. S. mail amounts to more than 20,000,000,000 or 57 million daily.

The American Junior Philatelic Assoc'n

Organized May 20, 1907. Re-organized Jan. 6, 1908.

OFFICERS

President ..... John Champion, Coldwater, Mich.
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Sales Supt ..... John Champion "

Official Organ—THE WEST
Dues 30c per year payable in advance.

The society which this month makes its entry into the Phialtelic wo in print was first organized by a small number of Coldwater stamp collectors on May 20, 1907. The constitution then adopted has now been revised and made more complete. In brief it is as follows:

Art. I. Be Be it hereby resolved on this 6th day of January, 1908 that a Society be organized and exist of the name of the American Junior Philatelic Association for the promotion of all honest branches of the science of stamp collecting and its accessories.

Art. II. Any Philatelist under 21 years of age may become a member of this society by applying to Secretary, providing said application be signed by two responsible persons as reference and that no member of aforesaid society register reasonable objections by one month after publication of said name of applicant, names and addresses of his reference, in next appearing number of official journal. Dues must accompany application.

Art. IV. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sales Superintendent shall be elected annually on the First Monday of January.

Art. V. A sales department department shall be organized and conducted by the Sales Supt. upon his advent to office.—Rules furnished on application.

Art. VI. Dues shall be 30c per annum.

Rest of constitution furnished to interested parties if request is mailed with stamp to President or Secretary.

A HOBBY, aa Napoleon said of love, should be a pleasure not a torment. Yet there are collectors of postage stamps who set themselves the most tormentingly difficult tasks that can well be conceived as pastimes. The simple pleasure of collecting has been endangered by the encroachments of specialism, with the result that the catalogues and albums have become so complex in arrangement and so voluminous in form, that the new collector is puzzled and appalled by the multiplicity of specimens which it would be necessary to acquire to form anything like a representative collection. King's Catalogue leaves out minor varieties and Illustrates U. S. stamps and is dedicated to the general collector who collects to enjoy rather than to possess. Publisher of WEST offers catalogue at 30c or with the WEST 60c.

Correspondence has been proceeding in the Glasgow Evening News on that old, old subject, "The Scracest Postage Stamp." Of course it has not taken very long to bring a letter from a knowledgeable reader pointing out that the 1c. British Guiana of 1856, is indubitably the rarest postage stamp in the world. Equally of course, many of the readers have written in to declare that they possess a specimen of that rara avis. But there are other 1 cent stamps of British Guinana, and probably all will discover that they have one of "the others."



PAPERS desiring an impartial review on the lines of those below are requested to send a copy of each issue to the address below:

Auslaendische Fachzeitungen sind hoeflichst gebeten ein Tauseheqemplar egelmassig an den Untefreichneten zu senden.

Tous les journaux philateliques sont pries ienvoyer un exemplaire en echarge a l'ad dresse sous-donnse.

Desames recibir esemplares de cambio de las publicaciones filatelicas estranjerrsa la adressa enseguida, R.R.Thiele, Wauwatosa, Wis.U.S.A

Before noticing the current papers I wish to mention the first of the new crop of catalogues to reach our review table; it is the 1908 edition of Kohls' Reform Catalogue. In spite of all condemnation this too has grown from 797 pages into 828, but still remains a very handy volume Some countries have been somewhat rearranged, but upon the whole system and arrangement have remained much the same. The extent of condensation, to be sure, is not the same throughout, some countries being treated more liberally than others, yet on the whole this catalogue is an admirable example of the simplified catalogue. The numbering corresponds with that of the large Kohl catalcgue, so that cross reference is made easy. I can cordially commend this smaller catalogue to all collectors who are familiar with German. The large catalogue will appear again in the fall of 1908.

I have heretofore alluded to the supplement to the NEDERLANDSCHE PHILATELIST dealing with the stamps of the Orange Free State. From the supplement to No. 41 I gather the information that the design of the first issue of the Orange Free State—which, as you are aware, was retained for all subsequent issues—was furnished by Henry Sybouts at that time Postmaster General of the republic, and that the tree does not represent an orange tree as commonly reputed, but is supposed to be the tree of liberty; to judge from the powder horns, the fruit of the tree may be supposed to be bullets or cannon-balls. The stamps, as is well known, were printed by Te la Rue & Co., London; they were in sheets of 240, in four panes of 60 each, 10 rows of 6 each.

No 117 of Madrid FILATELICO gives the official documents relative to the late Exposition issue of Spain—the one with the portraits of the King and Queen From these it appears that in the first place these stamps could be used only within the Exposition grounds and that in the second place even there a letter bearing them would not be forwarded unless it bore an equivalent amount in ordinary postage stamps. It is thus plain that in spite of the inscription CORREOS they possessed absolutely no franking power whatever and are not, therefore, postage stamps at all, but little better that advertising labels. It is difficult to see how the Spanish government could lend its official sanction to so transparent a speculation. Collectors will do well to leave this issue alone: the Roumanian Exposition labels were bad enough, but these are worse.

EL FILATELICO ESPANOL is running an exceedingly interesting article on the earliest issues of Spain for several numbers past. The author has gathered much historical information, heretofore unknown, about the

various issues, in part from personal interviews with the very men who engraved and printed them. Thrilling tales are told of the dangers and difficulties under which some of these stamps were produced and the whole very vividly describes a dark period in the history of unfortunate Spain. I quote a few details. Scott's No. 504 (type A3) was issued for the province of Catalonia in April 1874. It was lithographed by Sr. Soler y Arques at the village of Besora, in a house which was also used as a military hospital. The sheets consisted of 100 stamps in 11 rows of 9 stamps each and one stamp over the middle of the upper row—rather an odd arrangement. Scott's No. 505 (type A4 and A5) was issued for the former Kingdom of Valencia, the so-called Maestrazgo: it was lithographed by Sr. Juan Vilas at Vistabella. Scott's No. 503 (type A2) was issued at Tolosa in July 1874 for the Baqsue provinces and Navarra; Scott's Nos. 509, 510 and 511 (type A6) were issued at Tolosa for the same provinces in March 1875, the 50c for single letters within the same province and the 1 real for letters from one province to the other.

The Berliner Briefmarken-Zeitung is now appearing semi monthly—not half bad for a paper that carries no outside advertisingg. Its No. 26 brings the sad news of the death of one of Germany's foremost philateists: Judge Henry Fraenkel of Berilu, who died Sept 20th of pleurisy, barely 54 years of age. He was one of the best known philatelic writers of Germany though always engaged in controversy with some one because of his caustic pen; yet he was personally a very lovable character as I know myself, having had very pleasant exchange relations with him.

The same number and No. 27 bring the highly interesting article on "Western franks" which was read by W. Sellschopp, formerly of San Fransisco, at the late German Philatelists' Day at Hamburg, and which has been copied by most of the German papers—deservedly so, as it brings a vast amount of information on these little-known witnesses of the day of the Argonauts. The article is too long to be quoted here; it would be worth while for one of our papers to have it translated.

I quote the following: "A sensible measure agains the illicit sale of postage stamps the little counry of Luxemburg has just adopted. The lately issued postage due stamps can be procured uncancelled or cancelled from any postoffice, but of course have no franking power; letters stamped with postage dues instead of the regular stamps are treated as unpaid This permisson of sale is the only correct way—the Netherlands, by the way, have also adopted this plan—as against other countries, whose stamps of secondary rank reach the market only by the backdoor. How much trouble could such states save themselves by permitting the sale of official stamps etc."

I doubt that our P. M G. sees his way clear to placing postage dues on sale, but not a few postmasters have no scruples about selling them just the same.

No. 27 of the same paper has an article from an eminently competent pen on the Lion Surcharge of East Roumelia for South Bulgaria. At the hand of four enlargements the exact measurements of the four types are given. Considering the vast number of forgeries of this issue every collector should test his copies of the same by these measurements.

I have just rceeived another simplified catalogue: there really seems to

be a tendency towards a return to the simple life in philately, collectors having become surfeited with the cloyed sweetness of perforation vagaries, of single and multiple CA, of chalky and plain paper, and so forth. This time the attempt is made by Mr. D. Field, the wellknown editor of the West End Philatelist of London; the catalogue has been edited by Mr. Bertram Poole, the wellknown writer. Being an experiment, he has confined himself to the stamps of the British Empire: a new edition, if this one is favorably received, will include the rest of the world. Even rigidly simplified, the stamps of the British Empire take up 225 pages! The catalogue goes far beyond Kohl's in simplification; even multiple CA watermark is not listed, much less paper varieties and perforations. Nevertheless a collector would have the hardest kind of a task to get togeher even the varieties that remain after this process of elimination.--I can cordialy recommend the little book to all collectors interested in the movement; the price of 1 sh. is very moderate. I shall be pleased to furnish the address of the publisher.

By the time you read this the new jubilee set of Austria may have appeared the Deutche Philatelist reports that on December 2nd they were placed on exhibition in Vienna. The occasion, as you are aware, is the 60th anniversary of the reign of Emperor Francis Joseph The designs have been furnished by Professor Koloman Moser; the engraving has been done by Ferdinand Schirnboeck. The value from 1 heller to 35 heller are typographed, the higher values linengraved. The 2 and 5 krone stamps are bi-colored, the 10 krone is printed in three colors. The 1 heller shows Emperor Charles VI., the 2 heller Empress Maria Theresa, the 3 heller Emperor Joseph II., the 6 heller Emperor Leopold II., the 20 heller Emperor Ferdinand I., the others show the present emperor at various ages, except the 2 kronen, which shows Schoenbrunne Castle, and the 5 kronen, which shows the Hofburg (Residence) at Vienna.

The same paper reports that on December 6th the Roumanian Post Office Department offered at public auction the remainder of the two jubilee sets of 1906 (Scott's No 176 to 195). The numbers ranged from 23,830 of No. 191 to 1,295,601 of No. 176; of the error 25 bani oilve instead of blue (of No. 181) there were 221,454. Only two bids were received; a Roumanian dealer, J. Gross of Bucarest, offered 50,110 francs, and Senf Brothers, Liepsig, offered 3,600 francs Both were rejected, as the Department expects to obtain 200,000 francs (about $40,000!) Another sale is to be held this month (January). Small business this would seem, for a selfrespecting state.

One of the best known philatelists and stamp dealers of France has just passed away. I refer to M. Arthur Maury, of Paris, who died Dec. 1st, in his sixty-fourth year. His paper, Le Collectionneur de Timbress Pose, has long been famous as one of the best informed of the entire philatelic press. His fame will rest chiefly upon his History of the French Postage Stamps which but recently appeared, but he was the author of many other works on philately and on heraldry, of which he was an ardent student. He has repeatedly been consulted by various governments on matters connected with new stamp issues and his name had recently been proposed for the French Legion of Honor—an honor of which death robbed him. He was in truth one of the oldtimers of philatly, having commenced dealing in 1860. The first of the European papers to bring details of his life is Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal for December.



WOMAN·COLLECTORS' DEPARTMENT



Collectors and Other Folk by Verna Weston Hanway

(American and English publications desiring an impartial review in this periodical will please forward specimen copy marked "For Review" to Miss Verna Weston Hanway, I,k Bx 8, Dallas, Pa.)

It is an evident but inexplicable fact of human nature that the collector longs most intently for the appreciation and interest of non collecting folk. The great majority of collectors are decidedly conservative. yet even the few of the passe Bohemian type,affecting long hair and dreamy eyes,and prattling most gently of art and artistic principals. make obvious bids for the favor of their matter-o'-fact fellow beings.

The postage stamp collector is not an exception to the general rule. He, (or she) form "National Stamp Committees" to entice the dear pubilc; converses with silvery, liquid elcquence of the stores and alcoves of learning to be found in his stamps; incites the interest and the latent primitive passions to collect and acquire which is basic in all humankind,—a heritage from the men and women of the caves. And in the end, we, to speak in the plural sense, have created, evolved(or caused a return to, the primitive, in other words) A collector with whom we may converse upon such erudite aud profound subjects as the smudge of ink upon the nose of His Most Gracious. Imperial Majesty, which distinguishes the stamps of the second issue from those of the first: or the number of hairs which we can distinguish, (it needs a powerful microscope and a trained eye for this) upon the royal cranium. We can also converse lucidly upon the mysteries of perforation and compound perforation; upon single and multiple watermarks; upon blocks and sheets, and marginal inscriptions and various other details of similar ilk and degree of profundity Isn't it touching?

Were you ever. dear sister,or brother.responsible for the collecting pursuits of a fellow being? If not you have escaped much and I hereby entreat you not to involve yourself in such dire distress, unless—and this is a detail of immense importance, the wretched individual lives some hundreds,or better still thousands of miles, from your place of abode. And, unless once more, you are of an altruistic, abuegating temperament, and in addition possess all the virtues in the decalogue. In the latter instance you may consign yourself with a sweet and patient smile to the invasion of your collecting sancturay; you may prepare yourself to shower all those moments of liesure—which you treasure upon the collector novice: to stand ready to advise, to mentor, to collcet, care for, and cherish the collections, and inciden-

tally the collector so long as you both do—er--collect!

Of course, on the other hand, you have someone with whom you can converse upon the afore-mentioned scientiffc matters. But,as I have intimated, even this rose has its thorns,and all the warmth and glow of comradeship does not at all times satisfy. After all its the collection, your collection which is the thing, and at times we feel as if we were unveiling a nun when we offer up to the gaze of the uninitiated, e'en tho' it may be an appreciative gaze, the treasures upon which we have lavished our affections,—misplaced and wasted affections, no doubt.

Browning gives us rather more than an inkling of these varying emotions:

"I keep my prints, an imbrogilo,
Fifty in one portfolio,
When somebody tries my claret,
We turn round chairs to the fire,
Chirp over days in a garret,
Chuckle o'er increase of salary,
Taste the good fruits of our leisure,
Talk about pencil and lyre,
And the National Portrait Gallery:
Then I exhibit my treasure.
After we've turned over twenty,
And the debt of wonder my crony owes
Is paid to my Mark Antonios
He stops me—"Festina leute!
What's that sweet thing there, the etching?"
How my waist-coat strings want stretching
How my cheeks grow red as tomatoes,
How my heart leaps! But hearts after leaps, ache.
"By the by, you must take, for a keepsake,
That other, you praised, of Volpato's."
The fool! Would he try a flight further and say—
He never saw, never before today,
What was able to take his breath away,
A face to lose youth for, to occupy age
With the dream of,meet death with,—why,I'll not engage.
But that, half in a rapture and half in a rage,
I should toss him the thing's self—"'Tis only a duplicate,
A thing of no value! Take it, I supplicate!"

But all of our efforts to have our fancies appreciated are not so successful. I often wonder how many neglected families, or pater familias and mater familias, stamps are responsible for; how many neglected friends and forgotten engagements, and sins of omission and commission, before we have learned to tuck stamps away in odd corners of our lives,lest they become all engrossing,and a dissipation. Serious things can be laid at our gentle Philatelia's door, without a doubt.

While we yearn for an appreciation of the things with which we are enamored, we are too often meted out the treatment which was accorded the same individual, in the same poem by the incomparable Browning:

"And the wife clicks tea-things under,
And her cousin he stirs his cup,
Asks,"Who was the lady,I wonder?"
"'Tis a daub John bought at a sale,"
Quoth the wife,--looks black as thunder:
"What a shade beneath her nose!
Snuff-taking, I suppose—"
Adds the cousin, while John's corns ail."

So, after a time we grow aweray of well doing,and wisely keep our fancies and hobbies safely cloistered in some little sanctuary or snuggery. They

get aired occasionally, of course, quite by accident as a rule, and the result is none which sometimes serves to bring about John's ailment. It is, no doubt,quite explicable and quite natural for one to fail to kindle an enthusiasm to match the collector's, yet the smile of wellbred tolerance never fails to fret the collector. "What a beautiful binding!", exclaims the one to whom you are exhibiting your treasures. You open the volume reverently, and point out one thing and another which you think worthy. The, "How very extraordinary!", is in sooth somewhat maddening.

Yes, we collectors are strange beings, and for "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain," we are indeed "peculiar". But I am not one whose opinion is of value on the subject. I am, alack an alas, a lost soul!—I am going to specialize.

A PECULIAR JAPANESE STAMP. Sent by Roberge, Mass.

Such is the silk inspection stamp used by the examiner of silks and affixed to the price of silk, testifying as to their purity. The stamp consists of a white triangle with a black and red chrysanthemum on a red disc inscribed in large white letters "Red Kiku Pure Silk." Around this is a circular band bordered on the inside by two and on the outside by one thin black line. In this band we find the inscription in black "Examined by the inspection Bureau Fukushima-Ken, Japan." Outside the band are floral ornaments giving the whole a rectangular appearance. The paper is white wove, perforated 10½x11. There is no value on the stamp, and though a fee may have to be paid for its affixing it can hardly be classed with revenue stamps. The nearest to it that we have in the U. S. is the meat inspection stamp or the wire inspection stamp. From postage stamps it is, of course, still farther removed by its character than from revenue stamps.—Dorpat.

YVERT & TELLIER—CHAMPION CATALOGUE.

In France philately may not be quite as far advanced as it is in England and Germany; yet it is not backward, as the 12th edition of this pretty and handy catalogue shows. It is simpler than Kohl's large catalogue and Gibbons' two-volume work and resembles most our "Scott" or the German "Senf," though it takes much less notice of color-shades than the latter book. One peculiavity is that it gives at the end of each country's department a compact list of envelopes and wrappers, and for this reason it may find many a friend who would otherwise be satisfied with some other catalogue. At the beginning of the book there are several pages of useful definitions, last of colonies belonging to the several mother countries,a directory by which one may easily and quickly determine to what country any stamp belongs and a table of moneys. In the back of the book is a list of packets, albums, lenses etc. It is well bound and can be recommended to all who are acquainted with the French language. The price is 90 cents, U. S. money.—Dorpat

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Well Franked. There recently arrived in Berlin an envelope which the German officials would certainly not take the trouble to weigh; the letter was franked so generously. On the front side there were 120 stamps,each of 10 roubles; on the other, side there were thirty of the 10 roubles, one of 7 roubles, one of 50 kopecks and one of 2 kopecks or a total of 1517 roubles 52 kopecks: and at the rate of 50c to the rouble the postage came to $801.16.

Advertising Stamps by L. L. Dolson

Stamp collecting has been said to be the greatest of all hobbies and now as it is a science we should try and make it the greatest of all sciences.

All of the florists, seedsmen and nurserymen have been advertising horticulture in a very unique way which I think could also be applied to stamps.

Horticulture has been taking quite a spurt in pubilc interest in the last two or three years, and Mr. Vaughan, President of the National Council of Horticulture) conceived the idea of trying to give it a little impetus by teaching the public the value of shrubs and flowers, and the National Council of Horticulture has undertaken to supply the newspapers throughout the country with articles on horticulture,—articles that would deal with the subject in a purely elementary way, and intended for amateurs. They are trying to get people to grow flowers and to plant shrubs in their yards. They sent articles to 2500 newspapers all over the country, and in most of those papers the articles were printed. Now, in other words, why cannot his plan be tried to advertise stamps. Some of our large societies could take this up and send articles to newspapers, thus bungling our science before million of people. New recruits would be added to our list of philatelists, this would not only help the dealer, but the stamp papers and societies.

In these articles would be set forth the aid to its study of geograghy and history that stamps collecting is. Also the financial part or stamp collecting as an investment.

There is one kind of advertising which we want to beware of, and that is the inserting of the names of a certain society or firm in these ads as that makes the people believe that we merely desire them to join our ranks to get their money.

There is a woman who writes from some place in Kentucky, that signs her name "Kentuckian" mostly. She is employed by the Sapalia people, and the Peerlina people, and the Berax people, and several other people, and she writes home articles for papers. Her articles appear all over the United States in agricultural papers in the home department, and the only thing that is in them—for instance, she will tell how to clean carpets, and the only thing that smacks of an advertisement is that she gets in the name of Sapalia once in a while. The borax trust have women employed in the same way. One writes from Emporia, Kans., to the home department of agricultural papers. She recommends borax for sore eyes and baraic acid for all sorts of things. Now we don't want to advertise stamp collecting, inserting some firm's name for the profit of that firm, but stamp collecting as a whole. We want to recommend it for tired headaches, blues etc , not for the profit of some individual dealer or society but for the general wellfare of stamp collectors as a whole. Let us try it.

Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal for September and October contains an excellent article on the stamps of Salvador. If more articles of this kind come to light, it will not take long to make the Central American republics which came into great disrepute through Seebeck stamp issues rather popular, and then even the Seebeck stamps used on original covers will demand prices that were hardly dreamed of five or ten years ago.

Lot Number Forty-nine by A. F. Blocki

In a small room, lighted only by a student lamp on a table in one corner, two men were talking in low tones. One had the appearance of a prosperous business man, the other would have passed for a student, or possibly an expert book-keeper.

Before them on the table were a number of pens of various kinds and several ink wells, each containing a different colored ink. In the full glare of the light lay two little bits of paper, to all appearances exactly alike, but one listening to their conversation would soon have learned that one of them was a stamp valued at several hundreds of dollars while the other was a forgery, made by the younger of the two men in the room.

This expert in the use of pen and ink was no other than the notorious counterfeiter, William Chronen, more commonly known as "Bill the Penman." His companion was Morton, the stamp dealer, and it was evident that he was to dispose of the products of the forger's pen.

Morton was examining the spurious stamp with a powerful magnifying glass. At last he turned and reaching over, grasped the other's hand. "Bill," he asid, "you are certainly a wonder. Why, I'd buy that stamp myself if anyone of good standing brought it to my store. It surely ought to mean a lot of easy money for us." "Well," replied Mr. Chronen, "This is a new wrinkle for me, but if you can get $300 for that one I finished off yesterday I don't think I'll monkey with any more of Uncle Sam's yellowbacks. This is a whole lot easier, and you don't have to buck the whole secret service all the time, either "

The stamp dealer picked up the two stamps, genuine and forgery and placed them in his pocket stock book. "Bill" took off the green eye-shade he wore while at work and took up his coat and hat. "Well," said he, "I'm going to skidoo for my little bed. Coming my way?"

Phillip Denham, a young court reporter in Judge Smith's court, had remained downtown that evening to take in the new play at one of the theater, and was hurrying over to the platform of the elevated road on his way home. Just as he was passing Morton's store, he noticed that two men were coming out a side door. He paused, thinking possibly the stamp dealer's place was being burglarized. He was just under a powerful arc light, which lighted up the store building and showed the two men plainly. When they turned the street, however, he saw that one of them was Morton. The other he did not know, although the face seemed familiar to him in a dim way.

"I'd better hurry," he muttered to himself. "If I miss this next car on the elevated I'll have a nice wait out on the platform." All the way home the face of Morton's companion, as he had seen it for a moment in the glare of the arc light, troubled him with the idea that he had seen it before, and he racked h's brain in a vain effort to recall the circumstances of his previous meeting with the man, if there had been one.

When he arrived at home he did not feel sleepy, so he took a large scrap book which lay on a table in his room, and began turning its leaves, pausing now and then to read a few lines from one of the newspaper clippings it contained. These were all items in regard to some of the more important of the trials which Phillip had reported.

Suddenly he stopped, and gazed at a picture at the top of a page. It was the same face he had seen when Morton's companion turned toward him

for a moment before hurrying away down the street! Beneath it was a description of the trial of William Chronen, alias Bill the Penman, accussed of counterfeiting! Swiftly Phillip read the newspaper account of the trial, which ended by stating that the prisoner had been discharged on account of insufficient evidence. Down in one corner of the page was another clipping, dated about a week after the trial, which stated one of his accomplices had been captured, and had confessed, implicating Chronen, and that if the latter could be recaptured he would surely be convicted.

"A counterfeiter?!" exclaimed Phillip. "And Morton a stamp dealer. What were they doing together, I wonder." For a few minutes he sat still, thinking over the thought that had come to him. "If that fellow can counterfeit Treasury Notes so skilfully he ought to be able to make pretty dangerous copies of stamps. I wonder—". He was still wondering when he dropped asleep.

In the morning he felt even surer that his suspicions were correct, but decided to stop at Morton's stamp shop before going down to court. When he entered the store, and asked for some things, he saw nothing wrong. In fact he had hardly expected to. Just as he was starting out, however, Morton inquired "Are you going to attend the auction sale at the Philatelic Club rooms tonight.? There are going to be some pretty nice stamps on sale. In fact I have one extra good one in. It's lot number forty-nine." Phililp said he thought he would drop in at the club rooms during the evening and hurried on.

That afternoon, as soon as he could get away from his work, he hurried over to the rooms where the auction lots were on exhibition, and examined the number fortynine carefuly. To his eyes it looked all right, and yet he felt sure it was a forgery. Near him stood another man examining the stamps. Phillip noticed that he had the air of one who understood thoroughly all the little details of the stamps he was examining.

Stepping up to the stranger he said "I beg your pardon sir, but would you mind examining lot number forty nine over here, and telling me if it looks quite genuine to you?" The man looked around and Phillip recognized him as Bronson, the famous English expert. He had never seen him before, but he knew him by the pictures of him which had appeared in all the philatelic papers, with the announcement that he would make a trip to the United States soon.

By this time Mr. Bronson was examining the stamp Phillip has requested him to. He took a pocket magnifying glass from his pocket and examined it closely. "Have you any reason for believing this to be a forgery?" he inquired. Phililp first asked him if he was Mr. Bronson, and finding that he was, told him all he knew about it. "That is certainly suspicious," said Mr. Bronson, "And I believe there is a very slight difference in this paper from that used in the genuine stamp, although I cannot be absolutely sure without comparing it with a genuine copy."

For a few moments he and Phillip remained in earnest conversation, then Mr. Bronson offered to go to his rooms at the hotel and get a copy of the stamp which he had there, which he could compare with the one before them, and arranging to meet Phillip an hour later in the hotel rotunda.

Phillip spent the greater part of that hour in the private office of the United States Marshal. Before he left, arrangements had been made for the

capture of William Chronen that night, and for two deputy marshalls to attend the auction sale of the Philatelic Club that evening.

Hurrying back to the hotel where Mr. Bronson was staying, he arrived there a little before the hour, but found the stamp expert waiting for him. Mr. Bronson announced that he was now quite sure the stamp catalogued at "Lot Number Forty-Nine" was a forgery.

That evening at the club's meeting just before the auction, the memberss were surprised by the introduction of Mr. Bronson. He was not expected to arrive until the following Monday, but had taken an earlier boat.

After the regular meeting was finished, the auction sale was begun, and progressed in ordinary fashion until the first fortyeigth lots had been disposed of.

Just as the fortyeighth lot was sold Phillp entered at the back of the room, accompanied by two strangers, and the three remained standing near the door.

The auctioneer announced lot number forty-nine,and described it. The increasesd interest among the club members showed that this was something unusual in their sales. None of the previous lots had catalogued higher than eighty dollars this; one was catalogued at three hundred!

Just as the auctioneer was about to call for bids, Mr. Bronson stepped forward. "Pardon me," he said, "May I examine that stamp before the bidding begins?" He took his magnifying glass from his pocket and turned toward the auctioneer.

Before the auctioneer could reply to his request, however, the attention of all was attracted by a scuffle at the door. Mr. Morton was struggling in the arms of one of the two strangers who had just come in with Phillip Denham! The rascally stamp dealer, fearing that the British expert would discover the fact that the tsamp he had entered in the sale was worthless, had endeavored to escape. He fought wildly for a moment, but the other stranger stepped up behind him,and in an instant his wrists were securely pinioned by a pair of handcuffs, and he was being escorted from the room. The instant the door closed behind the trio,the room they had left was in an uproar. Every man was asking the one nearest him what the trouble was,and no one seemed to know anything about the strange episode they had just witnessed.

Suddenly the voice of Mr. Bronson was heard from the platform. As soon as the excited philatelist quieted enough so he could make himself heard, he gave them a brief acount of the sheme to victimize them, and how it had been frustrated by their fellow member of the club, Mr. Phillip Denham. At the mention of the name of the one who had saved some of them at least from considerable losses,some of them started to cheer, and catching sight of Phillip trying to make his exit through the rear door, they forced him to take the platform and tell the story over.

He told them the part Mr. Bronson had not known, how the building in which Mr. Morton's store was had been surrounded about an hour before and Bill, the Penman, the notorious counterfeiter, captured, together with tools and materials which would suffice to convict both himself and the stamp dealer when their trial took place.

The auctioneer,seeing that he would be unable to carry out the original plan of disposing of one hundred lots at auction that evening,announced that

the sale was concluded for the evening, but that another would be held one week later in the same room, when the fifty-one sets left from this sale would be disposed of.

"Well" said Phillip, "There are some stamps in that sale that I have been wanting a long while, and I guess that thousand dollar reward for the capture of Mr. Chronen ought to make it easy for me to bid in some of them."

Notes for U. S. Collectors By E. R. Aldrich

The one cent Jamestown is reported by F. L. Smith as precancelled from Chicago. I should be pleased to correspond with any one having any precancelled stamps of the Jamestown issue. Write me at Benson, Minn.

The Dayton precancelled can be found with missing letters in Ohio. I have one reading Oh and one Ohi. In each case there is absolutely no indication of the missing letters ever having been set. Specimens can also be found showing broken letters.

The postal service of the Phillipines is under the direction of the Director of Posts, who is exofficio the post master of the city of Manilla and who receives a salary of twelve thousand pesos per annum. There is also an Assistant Director whose salary is seven thousand five hundred pesos. There are also heads to the postal department proper and to the telegraph department the first receiving a salary of six thousand five hundred pesos and the latter five thuosand five hundred pesos.

On Aug. 9, 1906 the Phillipine Commission passed an act whereby it became unlawful to either deposit or take from the mails any lottery ticket or the advertisement of a lottery company.

For the year ending June 30,1906 there were 22,869,200 playing card revenue stamps issued, from which it would seem that it would be some time before these stamps,even collected with a dated cancellation would be among the scarce type class.

With the exception of the tin foil wrappers bearing one and one and two-thirds ounce tobacco stamps,all the U. S. revenue stamps are printed by the Bureau of printing and engraving. These foil wrappers are produced under contract by the John J. Crooke Co , of Chicago and Conley Foil Co. of New York. The expense of producing the stamp is paid by the users as well as the salaries of agents and counters necessary to supervise the work, so in reality they cost the government less than any other stamp.

The lower postal rates which went into effect October first awaken a joyful echo all over the world among those who make use of the international mails. The philatelic press, as well as newspapers in general, show that the change is received with great gratification. The reply coupon also receives a good deal of attention. The Cape Times, a large South African paper, devotes nearly a column to it and the other postal changes. Some papers predict penny postage between Great Britain and the U. S. Thus the wiold is contracting!



Questions relative to stamps will be answeres in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included beside the fee above provided for.

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Continued from last issue.

a. National Bank of North America, New York (check) var	1866	5th design
b. National Citiezns Bank, New York	"	1866	"
c. The First Natinal Bank, Zanesville, O.	"	1870	"
d. Citizens' Savings Bank, Petersburg, Va. (certificate of deposit)	1871	"
e. Curran, Goodwin, Walker & Co., New York, (receipt)	1869	"
f. Fowler, Carampton & Co , New York (receipt)	1869	"
g. Wililam Topping & Co " " (both sides)	1869	"
h. " " " " "	1866	13th design

The last eight named above have each some peculiarity: a. has the stamp printed in gold or blue, b. has it in carmine, c. has a label with imprint under the stamp; so had d. e, f, and g; h. has the stamp in black; a has the stamp at the right or at the lef; b. has it at the left; h. has it in the middle at he bottom.

The following imprints of printers or stationers are found on the papers named above:

Nathan Lane, 69 Wall & 91 Beaver Strs., N. Y. Newlands & Proudfit, 332 Canal Str., N. Y. L. H. Biglow & Co , 2 William Str., N. Y. American Phototype Co. N. Y. Morphy & Bechtel, Prs., (several varieties) Le Count & Mansur, Stationers. San Francisco. Hatch & Co., Trinity Building, 111 Broadway N. Y. (several times) The Mayor & Knapp Eng. Mfg. Lith. Co., 71 Broadway N. Y. Corlies, Macy & Co., Stationers, 39 Nassau Str , N. Y. (several times). Crocker & Telfer, Staitoners, 96 Warren Str. N. Y. (several times) Charles H. Clayton & Co., 160 Pearl Str. N. Y. Alpaugh & Anderson, Stationers, Trenton, N. J. (several times) American Bank Note Co., New York, (several varieties and several times). Women's P. 424 Mgy. Lith. Britton & Rey, S. F. B. N. Hurd, Stationers, Titusville, Pa., (several times). Geo. N. Nichols, Printer, Savannah, Ga. Bugbee & Hall, Stationers, Providence, R I. Beatty & Stevenson, 15 Spruce St., N. Y. Richmonds & Backus, Detroit, Mich. Wm. P. Harrison, Lith. 518 Sacramento Str., San Francisco, (varieties and times). Crocker & Co., printers, 401 and 403 Sansome St. San Francisco, (several times) William & Plum, Stationers & Printers, Newark, N. J., (several times). Gresham & Dawson, Stationers, 58 Bivay, N. Y. Wilbur & Hastings, Stationers, 40 Fulton St. N. Y, (several times) Waters & Co., Printers, S F Brenker & Kesslerr, 7th & Chestnut, Phila., (several times). Edward Bosqui & Co , Printers. Snyder, Black & Sturn, 92 William St., N Y. The Calvert Lith Co., Detroit. E. Ketterling, Lith, Phila. W. T. Nicholson, Trenton, N. J. J. J. Bloomfield, Stationer, 70x72 Chambers St., N. Y., (several times) Ehrgott & Krebs, Cincinnati (several times) J. Haebulen, Phila. Hosford & Sons, 56 Cedar St., N. Y. J. B. Chandler, Printer, (several times). Clay Cossack & Co., Buffalo, N. Y. National Bank Note Co., New York, (several varieties and several times). Moss & Co., 432 Chestnut Str., Phila. Wm. F. Murphy's Sons, Prs., Stationers, 339 Chestnut Str., Phila. (several times) Ashenfelter & McClennan, Job. Prs. Maverick, Stephan & Co., 176 Fulton

St., N. Y. Kowes & Toby, Stationers, 170 Broadway, N. Y. Collins & Brother, 370 Broadway, N. Y. Charles E. Wemple & Co., 23 Day Str. N. Y. Henry Spear, 82 Wall St., N Y. Gies & Co., Buffalo, N. Y. The Major & Knapp Lith. Co., 56 & 58 Park Place, N. Y. (varieties and times). H. H. Brooks, Printer, 4&6 N. Sixth Str., Philad'a. Lehman & Bolon, Phila. Dennison & Brown, 59 Maiden Lane, N. Y (several times) Chambers & Sons, London Bosqui Eng. & Ptg. Co., S. F. Everit Bros. 103 Fulton St., Dutch Church, N. Y. Alkaugh & Thompson, Stationers, Trenton, N. J. C. M. Cornwall, Prin., New York. Bugbee & Kelly, Stationers, Providence, R. I. Wm. H. Woglom, Stationer, 239 Greenwich St, N. Y. Milton C. Johnson, 57 Beekman St., N. Y. (several times) A. J. Lary, Manf'g. Stationer, S. F. Mendel's Patent Protective Tint, Chicago. W. McMurray, Printer. (several varieties and times). Lith. by the American Bank Note Co., Phila. E. N. Grattan, Printer, 323 Chestnut St, Philada. Krebs Lithographing Company, Cinc. Punderson & Grisand, New Haven, Ct. The J. C Hall Co, Prov. R. I. Stewart, Warren & Co., Litho., New York City. Korff Bros. Co, 161 Washngton St., N. Y.

Some, if not all, the bank papers were printed in sheets of 4-6 or more, were provided with stubs and bound into books. Many different kinds of paper were used. The stamp was usually printed before the check form, or other form, was put on; but in a few cases the stamp was printed after and over the form: in two instances it appears as though the stamp and form were printed together in one printing. The latter may be the case where the work was done by the American Phototype Co. of New York, the American Graphic Co. of New York, Joseph R. Carpenter of Philadelphia or several others, who printed the stamps and might, of course, complete the whole paper at once.

The inscriptions on labels and under stamps as far as I have seen them are as follows:

6th design: "Good only for Sight Draft" inscription to left under stamp.
" "Good when issued for the" in label to left " "
" "Payment of money" " " " right " "

5th design: "Good only for checks and drafts payable at sight" in label right under stamp.

5th design: "Good when the amount does not exceed $100.00" in label right under stamp.

5th design: "Good when issued for the payment of money" in label right under stamp.

10th design: "Good when the amount insured shall not exceed $5,000" in label right under stamp.

There must be still a few more designs, which I have not yet seen, and one of them is most likely to be found south and west of St. Louis, because there it was printed by the St. Louis Lithograph Co; it is described as having "At sides, circular design of two-cent piece" "At left, obverse of coin, In God we Trust—1874; at right, reverse of coin, States of America—2 cents." I should very much like to see one of these stamps, and shall return it promptly if loaned to me.

By the kindness of Mr. E. B Sterling we may note another design: 15th design: It is otherwise quite the same as our 1st design, only in the circular discs at the left and right we find inserted a horizontal straight colored disc with inscription in large colorles capitals: "Good only for" (left) and "Bank Check" (right).

Beginners' Department--Peru

By L. G. Dorpat

(Continued from last issue)

I quote Mr. Young again: "Although the Chilan army had captured Lima as early as the 11th of January, 1881, the post office remained in the hands of and was conducted by the Peruvian clerks and regular postage stamps of Peru were employed up to Novebmer 30th, 1881, when the office was taken possesson of by the Chileans. For the first week or two they sissued the ordianry Peruvian stamps and then for a short time used the "Deficit" or postage due stamps of Peru with the surcharge "Lima Correas" between the circles."

"About the end of December, 1881, or at farthest by the 1st of January, 1882, the stamps of Peru hand stamped with the arms of Chile commenced to be issued from all the postoffices within the jurisdiction of the Chilians, and here is where chronicler,catalogue and collector seem to be "up against it," to lapse momentarily into the expressive vernacular of the streets. Not only were genuine stamps surcharged with false dies by various unauthorized parties, but genuine stamps were stamped with the genuine die in the regular and in various unauthorized and totally unused colors." If I understand Mr. Young right, he means to say that surcharging was done for the fun of it and for edification of eager collectors and dealers,so that it becomes wellnigh impossible to say which surcharges were made for postal use and which for sport only. He goes on:

"Moreover, the genuine stamps are frequently so badly printed that no living man (a dead one—?) could tell the good from the bad. Nor does the matter of examining cancellations on used stamps appear to offer much of a solution, for the cancelling dies in use in these unsettled times were many and various and some of them continued in use for years afterward and some were undoubtedly carried off by the Chilians on departing. It is not only to Chilians and their followers that we owe these false surcharges to,but to the Peruvians as well."

Beginners will do well to refuse buying any of these surcharged issues, except on original covers coming from actual correspndence,and in that case the stamps should remain on the covers Others that come with larger lots of stamps may be retained as curiosities or objects for study, but they can hardly be considered as of much value.

The surcharging craze continued until 1895, a period of 15 years,and besides the three surcharges already mentioned we find stamps of Peru overprinted with "Union Postal Universal" in the form of a horse shoe and the word "Peru" below,with 5 dies of triangles containing a little sun and again the word "Peru" with a larger sun and the words "Correas Lima" above and below,with a portrait of General M. Berumdez or with several other surcharges, in some cases there being two surcharges one over the other. Besides the Peruvian stamps we find a long series of Chilian stamp used by the Chilians in various Peruvian localities. They are surcharged "Adu de Correos" or "Principal" and name,Callas,Lima, etc. Finally there is a whole army of locals made by either surcharging revenues or postage stamps for postal use. For a collector who has a large supply of material these may afford a splendid field for investigation and study, but for the beginner they

form rather a dangerous wilderness.

Dovetailed in between the many provisionals, we find in 1886 a re-issue of the set of 1874-79, printed in new colors and without grill. In 1889 this set was surcharged GOBIERNO for official use. Besides this there are two more official sets also made by bf surcharging.

At last in 1895 the general postmaster of Peru, Camilo N. Carille, resolved restore order and propriety in regard to Peruvian postage stamps. Before, however, this resolution went into effect there were two temporary issues made in that year,so that in all we find three sets for 1895. The first consists of 5 values of old designs reprinted in new colors, 1c 1874 in red, 2c 18774 in blue, 5c 1866 in claret, 10c 1866 in orange and 20c 1866 in ultramarine. These stamps are at least pretty, if nothing else can be said of them.

The second set for 1895 consists of 7 values, two designs, issued in commemoration of the success of revolution and the new president Dr. Nicolas de Pierola. The 1, 2, 5 and 10 centavos are of one and the 20 and 50c and 1 sol of the other (larger) design. The stamps were manufactured by the American Bank Note Co., were to go into use on Sept. 10th, 1895, to be used for 10 days only, and the remainders were then to be burned publicly. Whether this program has been carried out faithfully or not,I am not aware. The third set consists of 8 values, 1 and 2c portrait of Manco Capar the first Inca, 5, 10, 20, and 50c portrait of Pizarro, the Spanish conqueror of Peru, the 1 and 2 sols portrait of La Mar, one of the Peruvian General-Presidents, namely the first one who had been elected. For the next two years there is a rest in the making of new stamps with the exception that in 1897 the color of the 5c was changed from indigo blue to green. (Up to March 7th, 1896 the stamps surcharged with the portrait of General Morales Bermudez were good for postage or redemption,after that date they were declared obsolete.)

Before the end of 1897 there was a new commemorative issue in preparation which it seems did not come into use until the beginning of 1898 though it bears the year 1897 as a prominent inscription. The event to be celebrated was the completion and dedication of a new postoffice building at Lima. There are three values, 1c with a view of the new iron bridge, 2c with the front of the new post office and 5c with the portrait of the president. It is queer that in the same year the 1c value should have become so scarce that again a provisional had to be made by surcharging the 1c due stamp "Franqueo".

In 1899 the 1, 2 capas and 5c Pizarro of 1895 were reissued in new colors. To these were added the new high values of 5 and 10 soles. Later the 10c of 1895 (Pizarro) followed in black and in 1900 a new value of 22 centavos in two colors with a portrait of president Lopez de Romana.

In 1901 we again find a commemorative issue celebrating the commencement of the 20th century. There are only three values to this, 1c Admiral Gran, 2c Colonel Bolognesi and 5c President Romana. This was followed in 1902 by a 22c stamp in the type of the commemorative issue of 1895.

From this we see that little order has been established, the order being broken by commemorative issues and, as it appears, unnecessary changes. The area of surcharges at least seems to be over.

In vol. IX of "Mekeels Weekly Stamp News" one may find on page 96 a long list of Remainders of Peruvian stamps, amounting to more than 4 million, offered for sale. What the result of this offer was I am not aware.

(To be continued.)

The 1907 Two-cent Brown Envelopes

By Charles E. Jenny

As this issue of envelopes is already replaced by the new issue in red, being in use but about three months, it may be well to compare notes and find just what sizes were issued. Below is a list of such so far as known to me. If anyone has any other sizes or colors I would be glad to hear from them.

Creamy white, sizes 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14. Bluish white, sizes 5, 13. Amber, sizes 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14. Blue, sizes, 5, 7, 13, 14. Buff, sizes 2, 3, 5, 7, 13, 14. Manilla, wrapper.

In the large head type, which is much scarcer, the following are found:

Creamy white, sizes 3, 5, 8, 13. Bluish white, sizes 5, 13. Amber, sizes 5, 13. Blue, sizes 5, 13. Buff, sizes 13

Of the new two cent red the following sizes have already appeared and doubtless all other sizess will soon be found:

White, sizes 5, 7, 8, 13. Amber, sizes 5, 9, 1 3. Blue, sizes 5, 13.

For the convenience of those not familiar with the government system of numberng the size of envelopes, the following measurements are given:

Size 1, 2⅞ by 5¼ inches Size 2, 3¼ by 5½ inches. Size 3, 3⅜ by 5⅜ inches. Size 4, 3⅝ by 5⅞ inches. Size 5, 3½ by 6 5-16 inches. Size 7, 3⅞ by 8⅞ inches. Size 8, 4⅛ by 9½ inches. Size 9, 4⅜ by 10⅛ inches. Size 10, 3 9-16 by 4⅝ inches. Size 11, 4¼ by 5¼ inches. Size 13, 3¾ by 6¾ inches. Size 14, 3¾ by 6 5-16.

A Reality by L. L. Dolson

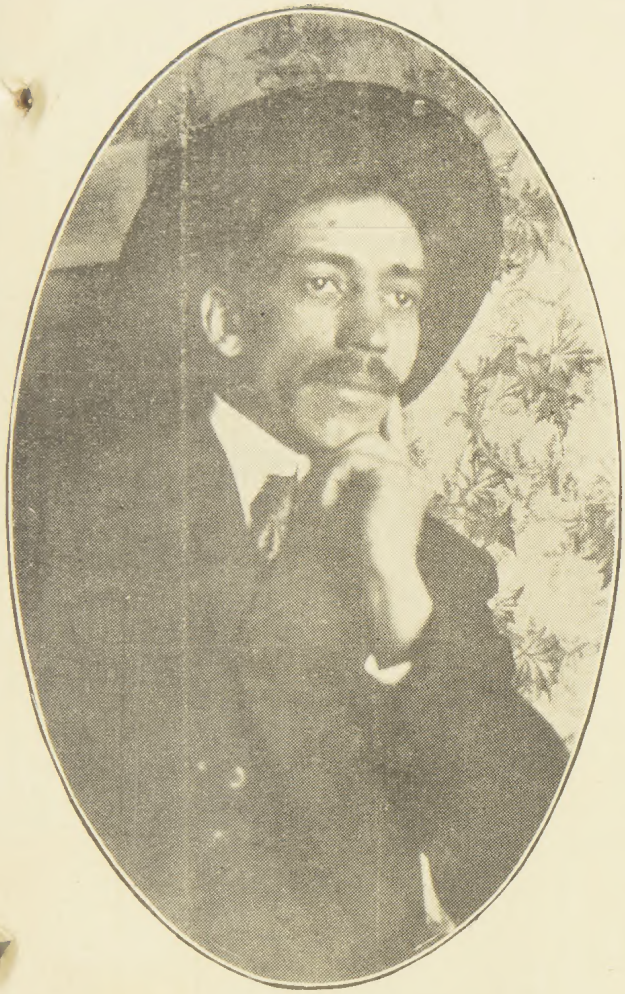
Series No. 6 of the Experiences of a Stamp Dealer.

The Dealer held a telegram in his hand, it read: "Your Uncle George died this morning at 10 o'clock, come at once." The Dealer remarked "that he did not have time to see the old fellow buried." But when he read on a little farther "his stamp collection has been left to you," he began to shed tears at the loss of his 'dear' uncle and to make preparations to go.

After the funeral the Stamp Dealer went to his office carrying his deceased Uncle's stamps. He immediately sat to work and mounted them in a new book and when he saw them arrayed in a new bock and realized that he had received a fortune, he actually shed tears for joy. Then he sat down to—no I must not say meditate, for 'twas a reality he was rich, and I must add, lived happily ever after.

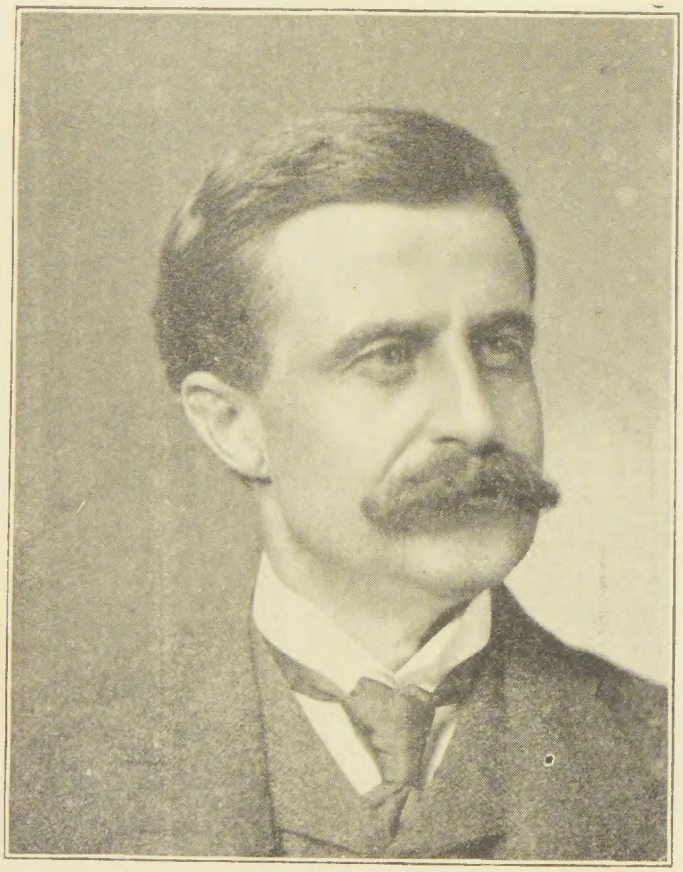
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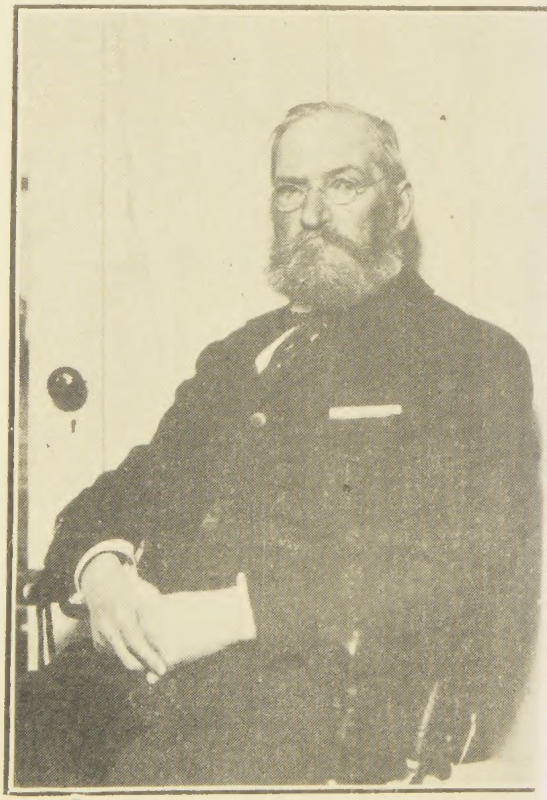
Lately I got a copy of the Southern Post Card Magazine, Nov. 1906. It is, now November 1907, and it took this paper a full year to reach me. It contains a stamp column, and had I seen it before, I would have mentioned it before to make the readers of the WEST acquainted with it. Whether it still exists I do not know. Why don't publishers of new papers send me a copy of their paper for review? A good word here and there helps a good deal. Another way to increase circulation is to get ads with the WESt. The WEST is liberal in this respect, and co-operation is to everybody's benefit.—L. G. Dorpat.





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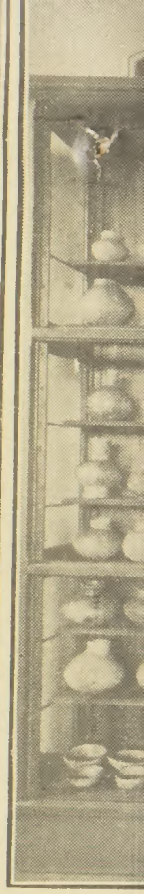
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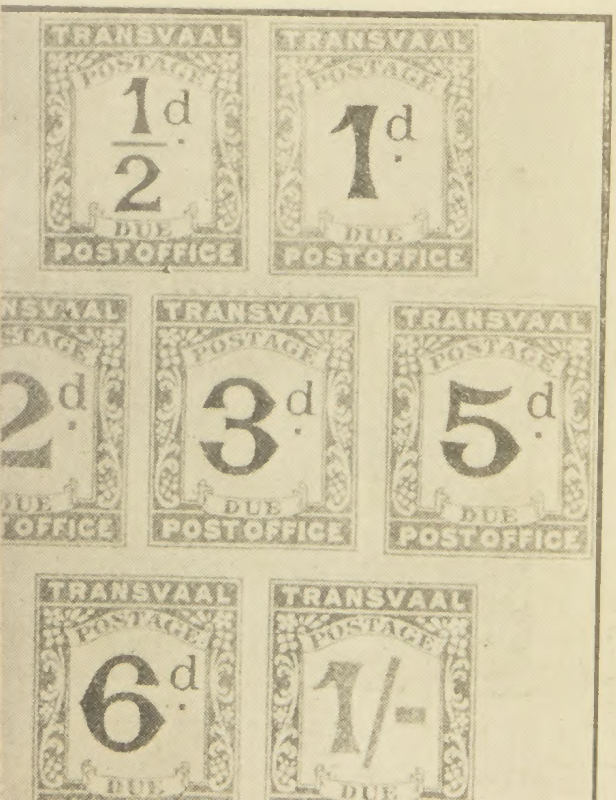
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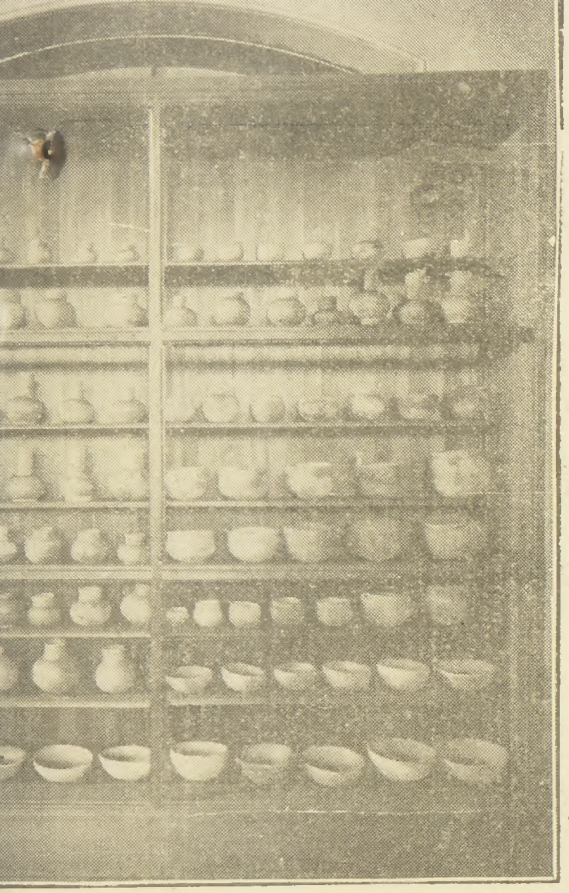


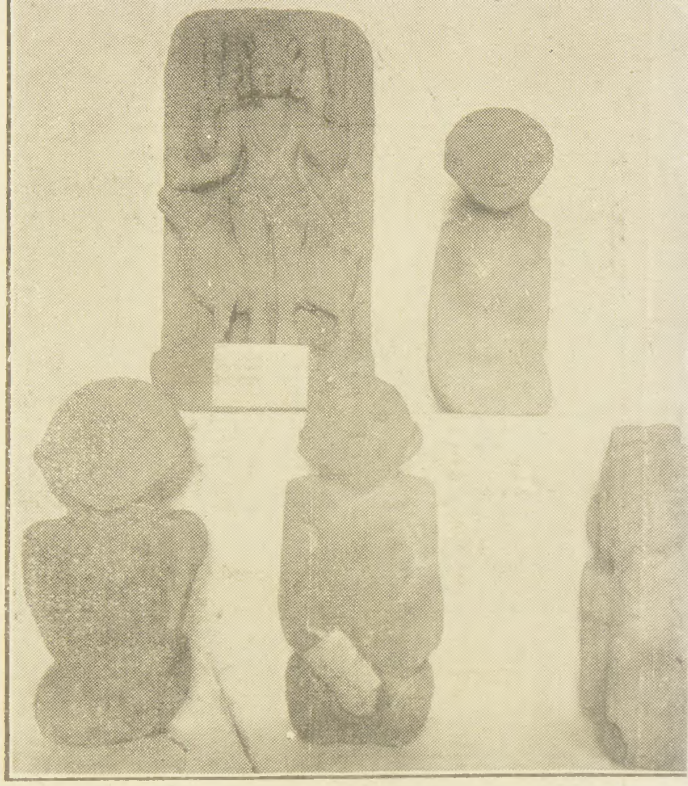
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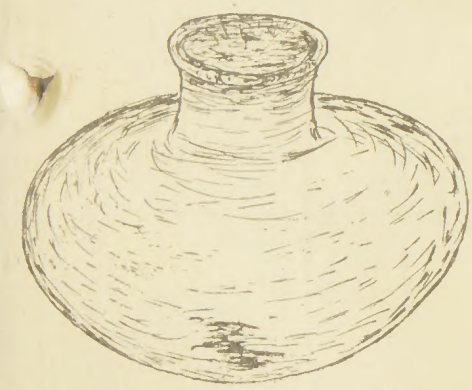
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Over 100 pieces Ancient Mound Builders Pottery, known as Riggs Collec
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Publishing House of the WEST, taken a few years ago.

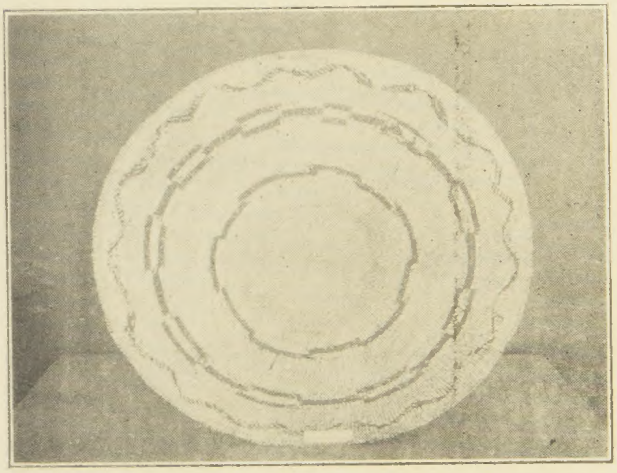
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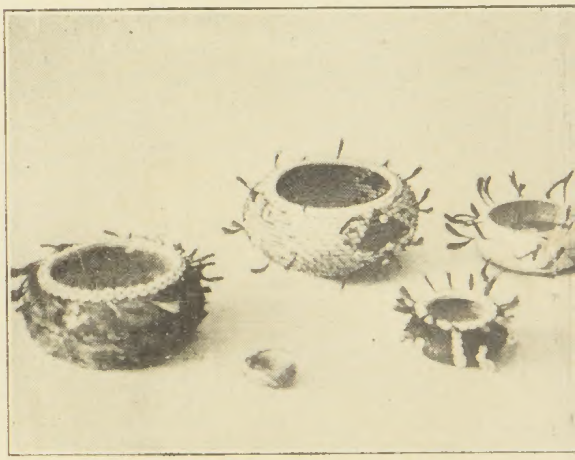


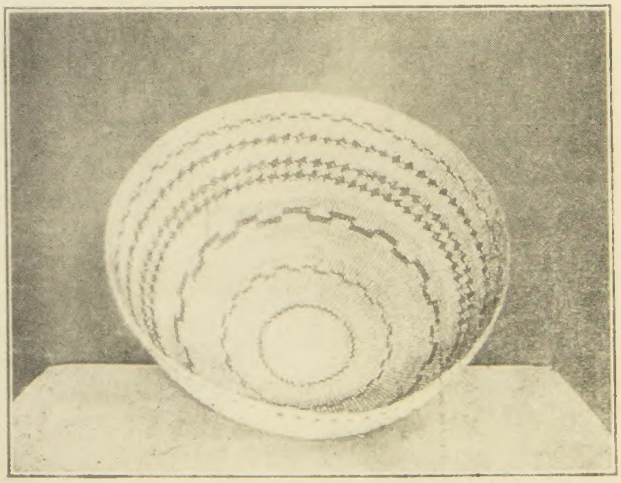


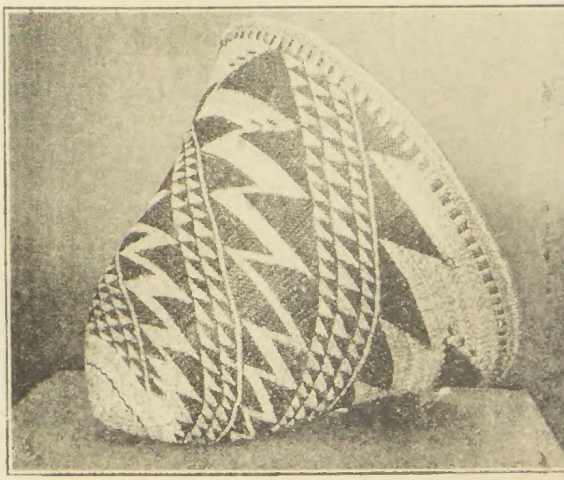




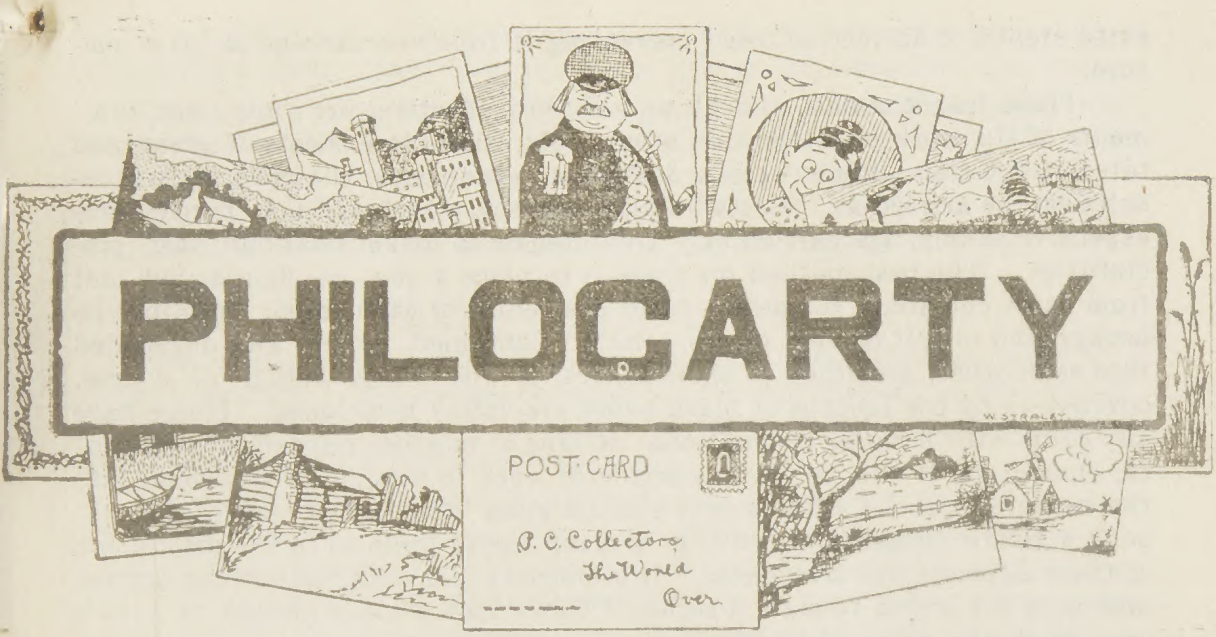








Indian Baskets. See article in this issue.



A Use for Holiday Picture Post Cards

At this time of the year more than at any other, our letter boxes overflow with picture postcards, and the question becomes acute as to what use can be made of the missives sent us by friends who are holiday making at the seaside or in the country. A method has recently been evolved by which the quaint and beautiful effects of stained glass can be got by the aid of pictorial cards, without the exercise of any more skill and patience that the average artworker is endowed with.

By way of a first endeavor we will make a teapot stand out of a single card and a sheet of glass of the same shape, but one-eighth of an inch larger all aound. The style of the picture does not particularly signify, which is a good thing, as individual tastes and sentiments can be allowed free play. We can keep always before us the view of some place full of pleasant associations for us, the reproduction of any famous picture we admire, or the fancy card which has captured our imagination. If we are to exercise any discrimination it should be in favor of deep rich tints, crimson sunsets, dark moonlight scenes, and so on.

Having picked our card, we soak it for twelve hours in clean, cold water. At the end of that time we take it out and lay it face downwards on a flat board, and gently and carefully rub off the cardboard from the back, so as to leave only a thin sheet with the picture This process is not nearly so difficult as might appear, and a little practice will soon enable one to manage it successfully. Fine sandpaper may be used, as well as the finger, in the work. When quite dry the card must be fixed down to the square to be decorated with the picture side next to the glass. Any good clear paste may be employed here, but it must be clear. All moisture having been squeezed out, the stand is left to dry before the business of rendering the picture transparent is is entered upon. For this purpose some good, clear varnish has to be obtained. If this be well rubbed in overnight the card will be found as transparent as could be wished in the morning. Finally, a narrow strip of black paper, to give the illusion of leading, is run all round the glass, the

exrta eighth of an inch allowed preventing it from encroaching on the picture.

These teapot stands, though undoubtedly effective, are only the rudiments of the work under consideration. By using large sheets of glass and bits cut out from different cards, instead of whole ones, the most artistic results can be arrived at. Glass fireplace screens, which are not particularly expensive to buy, are particularly troublesome to make, hold out vast possibilities. The best method for these is to place a row of figures cut out from cards one above the other, down the center of each panel, forming he background of self-colored pieces, similarly obtained, which are dovetailed into each other, according to their shapes, all the joints being, of course, covered up by the lengths of black paper previously mentioned. If one have any cards with floral or conventional designs or mottoes printed in ornamental characters, it will be found possible to work in bits cut from them into the backgrounds. A catalogue of stained glass lights, or of transparent paper "Window Decorations," will give many useful hints as to the disposition of these adventitious ornaments. If preferred there would be nothing against making a fire screen to show a series of views upon a plain ground, in such a case we should advise dark blue.

We give a design for a breakfast board on which to put a coffee pot, etc. It would be of glass with a polished wood rim and little feet. In this instance we begin by plotting out the surface in a series of little panels, making the two halves correspond with one another, and not allowing the various pieces to run in together as they come, as we have when forming backgrounds all of a single color. For the large circle in the center we advise the use of one of the giant postcards now to be bought at all places of popular resort, and for the other panels it is not a difficult matter to find cards from which a selfcontained bit, so to speak, can be taken of the size and shape required.

The principle on which this breakfast board is decorated is applicable to all the different kind of glass trays which are now sold. The subjects need not, of course, be confined to any particular style The Dutch blue and white canes that one so often gets, might be worked up into a beautiful tray, or one could make a most admirable patriotic one with a portrait of His Gracious Majesty for a center piece, and the flags and emblems of our country and its Colonies disposed around it. We can picture a fine one of naval subjects, arranged around a card of "The Victory," or "The Oregon," or a military one given up to one or more of the famous regiments of the U. S. Army. In fact, it is always the same when one comes to speak of picture postcards. Their range is so wide nowadays that one at once begins to imagine collections formed on all sorts of lines It is not difficult to reduce such notions to practice. Once let your friends know that you are accumulating patriotic or naval or military cards, or whatever it may be and they will soon begin to come in.

A rather ambitious effort, but one which will repay a good deal of time and trouble, is to cover a table top with cards treated in the manner we are describing. In this case they are stuck down from the back on to the wood and the glass, cut to the shape of the table, is subsequently fixed to it, as is done in the case of some valuable Chippendale pieces. The advantage of a table thus decorated is that nothing spilled on it will leave any mark, nor will it be nearly so liable to get scratched or dirty, as if it were painted. A

series of reproductions of well-known pictures with a rich red or blue filling strikes us as a most hopeful suggetsion for this special branch of the work.

The hanging glass panels, which are used by a good many people as window ornaments, are another promising subject Shields of arms, cut from heraldic cards, look admirable on them, and so do full length figures or Dutch patterns. Though a Japanese design might seem out of place in stained glass, one might be tried as an experiment.—From an English paper.

BIRTH OF POST CARDS.

Who, when, what, or how originated the idea of picture post cards is a matter of dispute. But meager information can be obtained on the subject. It is said that M. Leon Besnardeux, a bookseller and stationer, conceived the idea in 1870 during the Franco Prussian War.

There were forty thousand soldiers in camp in his vicinity. The supply of envelopes was limited at the time, being difficult to obtain, and this wide-awake stationer thouhgt that the men would appreciate some way of letting their friends know of their environment and life in the camp without the necessity of writing long letters and the consequent hustle for envelopes.

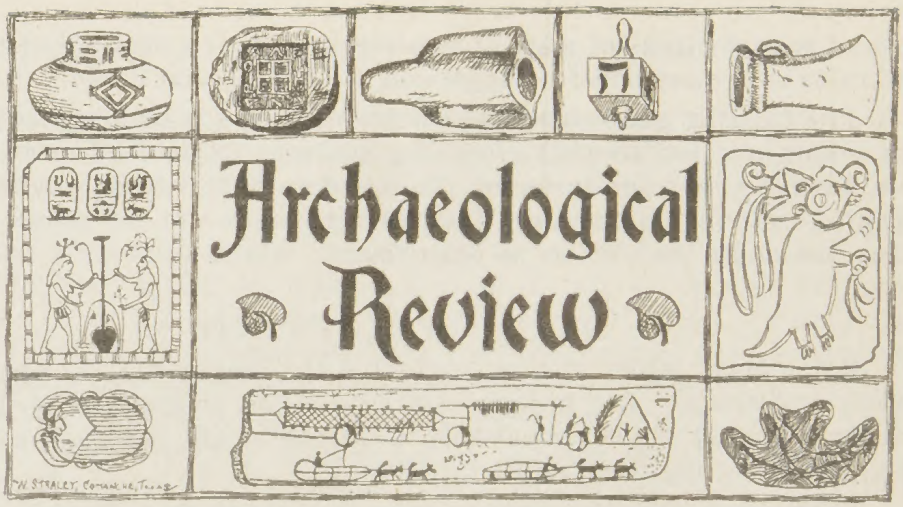
He tried the experiment of having cards engraved with cannon, tents and various things which might prove of interest to far away relatives and sweethearts. The soldiers promptly took them up. The first supply was soon exhausted, and he issued a second set. However, when the camp broke up the issue of cards was discontinued and forgotten at the time.

Some years later it was taken up by Germany and Austria, but attracted little attention at first. One story goes that a German was the first to print an object of interest on a card with a cordial greeting thereon and send it through the post, paying regular letter rates. Some say the industry developed from this simple beginning.—New York Index.

Just as there are stamp fads, coin fads and badge fads, without which the youth's education is not complete, the card fad has taken rank with all of these and bids fair to surpass any of them That fact cannot be disputed. All one has to do is to walk into a drug store, whether it be a small one or the largest in the city, curio shop, hotel or, most important of all, a store where nothing else but postal card are handled, and the hold they have on the people, especially the traveling public, will be easily recognized. The craze for collecting these cards seems to be largely accountable for the manner in which it has increased and the interest kept up.

The Picture Postal Card. The picture or souvenir postal card is probably doing more to make the world known to the untraveled than all the geographies and gazetteers. There is scarcely a village anywhere in the domain of the Postal union that has not had its picture taken for a postal card impression in black or white or in colors and thus its humble fame has been carried over the seas and introduced to the four corners of the union. All the aliens and prodigal sons cannot return for the old home week celebrations, but, thanks to the man who invented the picture postal card, they may be reminded of the old home scenes at an expenditure of a few cents.—New York Sun

EDITOR'S NOTE.—Publishers of archaeological journals and books, are requested to send copies for review, to address below. Also desire notes and clippings of archaeological interest. Proper credit given to all correspondents.
David B. Emert, Dawson, Shelby Co., Ohio.



From a newpsaer I clip the following:—What is said to indicate a prehistoric dentistry has been discovered in the teeth of a giant mastodon, the finding of which has caused a more or less scientific stir in the neighborhood of Helena, Montana Some of the teeth of the mastodon have been found to be filled, say otherwise veracious persons who have examined the bone formations, which have been underground for more than 20,000 years.

Scientists who have examined the finds declare it is ridiculous to assume that the paleozoic cave dweller tinkered with the teeth of the mammoths of his time, yet here are evidences of a rude sort of bridge work in the molars of the animal. The first reports of this dental evidence was greeted with the sneer usually accorded to nature fakirs, but an examination made by an expert in the matter of crowns and fillings, disclosed the fact, he says, that the bicushids of this antediluvian creature had been subjected to some sort of dental process

Does any reader living near Helena know anything of this?

Some time ago I recieved from Mr Edgar Hawk of Monongahela City, Pa., some very pretty shells, a fine fossil fern and two perfect arrow points. Mr. Hawk states the arrows were found on the site of an old fort—this of course makes them more interesting

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The Annual Report of the Smithsonian Institution for 1906 is a valuable addition to any library. Some of the best articles in this volume are Iceland: Its History and Inhabitants, by Herr Jon Stefanson: The recently discovered Tertiary Vertebrata of Egypt, by C. W. Andrews: A Contribution to the Morphology of the Mammoth, Elephas, primi genius Blumenbach: with an explanation of the attempt at restoration, by Pfizenmayer: Quaternary Human Remains in Central Europe, by Hugues Obermaier. This paper is purely geological and archaeological in its nature, and the author has established a list of well authenticated anthropological discoveries, which he has carefully separated from those finds the age of which is not settled —Scalping in America, by George Friedrica. This is a fine description of scalping as practiced by the different tribes of American Indians and the first white settlers, with the amounts of bounty paid at different times for scalps. You

can procure a copy of this report from your congressman, and I am sure you will find it very interesting.

While digging a well in Mason county Ill., workmen on the farm of John Brooks uncovered a number of teeth which belonged to some great mastodon. The teeth were nine inches in length, about five inches in width and with a circumference of twenty inches. The roots of the teeth were eight inches in length although there were signs of breakage on the prongs. Other portions of the skeleton crumbled to dust as soon as exposed to the air, but the teeth are sound.

I received from Mr. C. Elw. Kurtz of Bucyrus, Ohio, a short account of an Indian cemetery the west side of the town of Bellevue. He states that a number of skeletons have been exposed there, and several relics found—also that it is the center of several Indian trails. If any reader knows more of this ancient burial ground, will they please send me an account of same, with list of the most important relics found there.

Does any reader remember anything of Mr. C. W. Riggs, an old hunter, trapper and mound explorer, who left Cincinnati in the fall of 1887 with three small boats known as the Sunny South No. 1, 2, and 3 respectively? Mr. Riggs intended to go down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to nearly the St. Francis river, Arkansas. From there he intended to go over into the wilds of Acrkansas about fifty miles and spend six weeks or two months exploring mounds. I have never heard from him since, but would like to know if there are any mounds in that section, if anyone has explored them, and with what success.

I would like some reader to write the WEST and describe the stone relics found in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. This is a section of America from which we get very little archaeological data, would also like to hear from some of the readers in the Gulf States.

No Postage Stamps Here. Glancing over the map in quest of British possessions which may possibly provide us with new issues of stamps, we find them cheifly among the Pacific Islands. For instance, there are the Gilbert Islands and the Fllice Islands, forming together the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Protectorate. There are tweny-five islands in all, with a total area of 166 square miles, and a population of thirty-five thousand. As, however, there are only about one hundred Europeans settled on the islands, the need for postage stamps is perhaps not a very pressing matter. There are also the Phoenix Islands, seven in number, and the Union, or Tokelan Islands, a group of six islands with various islets. Many other small groups and single islands in the Pacific are scarcely worth mentioning as possible issuers of postage stamps. Among the islands of the Southern Atlantic the day may come when Ascension may be granted its own issue of postage stamps. There is also Tristan d'Acunha, one of the lonliest, but at the same time healthiest, spots in the world. It is said that everybody in Tritan d'Acunha lives to a great age—possibly because they have no electric trams, municipal elections, or—postage stamps!—Otago Witness, N. Z.

A Kolumn for Kansas Kollectors

By George J. Remsburg

Dr. Erwin, of Harper, has a rare old pipe that would be a valuable addition to any collection of quaint, curius and antique objects. It was made in Denmark more than 150 years ago, and the doctor values it at $100. It is of meerschaum and is mounted in solid silver. The bowl is five inches high and four inches across, but taking the stem out of it one is surprised that it weighs so little. The stem is flexible and is about two feet long. It is covered with braided silk.

With the exception of Harvard university the collections in the museum of the Kansas State university are the largest in the United States. These collections are growing larger each year through the expeditions of the entomological, zoological, botanical and geological departments of the institutin. Prof. H. T. Martin recently secured a large and valuable geological collection from Patagonia, South America.

An exchange says that a curious lead plate was found by Henry Frey, at Newton, while digging in the banks of Sand Creek to get some sand. He was down about five feet when his spade struck something hard and the plate came to light. It is about eight inches in diameter. In the center is an embossed crown with a star in it; all around the edges are Maltese crosses, evidently pressed, and just above the crown is engraved in scrip letters, U. M. C., in a simple monogram. Under the crown are the figures 1105. The plate is very heavy and the workmanship is fine.

The Howard (Kans.) Courant some time ago referred to the enterprise of several Kansas collectors, well known to readers of Philateilc West, as follows: "A room has been fixed up at the court house for a museum and curio room, and it is truly an interesting exhibit. Cammie Ross is arranging it and has loaned his own private exhibit as a big starter. He has a rare collection of geological specimens, petrifactions, etc , embodying more than 3,300 speimens from Elk county alone. Also he furnishes over 1,000 from other states. Charley Osborn has contributed over 500 Elk county specimens, Jeff Hurst, Mrs. Shelby, Isaac Coley and others also contributing liberally. Everett Ross has displayed a fine collection of zoological specimens, with reptiles, bugs and insects of rare kinds. The Ross boys have their specimens nicely cased under glass, the work of John Ross, and it is expected that other additions will be made to the exhibit.

The Winfield Courier reports the following: A find of fossil bones that will discount "the Leavenworth pre-Glacia Man", was made by workmen digging in the cellar of A. F. Smith's house in Harvey township. They were taking rock out of the cellar for the furnace which I. W. Randall is installing, and in breaking up one big stone, several human bones were discovered. Other specimens found near the place lead to the belief that the ledge where they were found had, a long time ago, been used as a burial ground. The ledge in which the petrified remains were located was covered with soil to the depth of about a foot and a half. The bones were hidden in the rock about four feet farther down Mr. Randall brought two of the pieces with him and they are now on exhibition at Snyder and Nolte's hardware store. They look as though they might be the knee bone or joint of some kind. They are perfect in shape, although extra large and are as hard

as the limetstone ledge in which they have been buried so long. Mr. Randall intends to have an expert examine the specimens to ascertain what they are.

Mounting Botanical Specimens bp K. Nuck

Those who are interested in botany, and who have during the past summer and fall collected and pressed botanical specimens no doubt wish to keep them for futere reference. To do this they should be mounted, and a few pointers on this subject may be of use to amateurs.

Sheets of strong white paper are of course absolutely necessary, if regular mounting paper cannot be obtained the unruled side of foolscap or cheap drawing paper may be used.

The most convenient way of attaching the specimen to the paper is to take a sheet the same size as your paper, lay the specimen carefully in the center, placing it wrong side up, and gum it thoroughly with a little soft brush. Photographers Paste gives good results, but mucilage may be used. Now take the paper to which you intend attaching the specimen, and lay it carefully on your plant. Press it a little and then you can lift paper and specimen will be fastened to it. To make it good and soli, make a slit with a penknife in say two places under stem and paste a narrow strip of paper around stem of plant and through the slit in the paper, and gum the ends down on back of paper

The next thing is to write in lower right hand corner its botanical name, together with common or local name, the date of collection, locality where found and the time of flowering, if it is a flowering plant.

Of course only one species should be placed on a sheet and when all your plants are thus mounted they can be arranged as follows:—All the Species of the same Genus should be placed in a cover of different and coarser paper than on which specimens are mounted, and the name of the Genus can be written on outside lower corner. Then the General of the same Orders hould be placed together in the same way and the name of the Order written outside on sheet as before. The different Orders can be arranged in any order you see fit and now your collection is complete as far as mounting and arranging are concerned. When new varieties are added they are placed in their proper place under whatever Genus they belong to. In this way it s a very simple matter to add specimens to one's collection.

I trust that these few remarks may be of interest to some amateur botanist. In the near future I will give a few pointers on collecting and pressing specimens so that any new hand at the job may have a ilttle idea as to how to go to work.

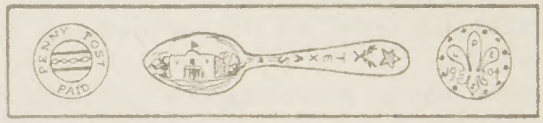
And now in conclusion, I have only this to say. If you are not already a botanist, start now and be ready to collect specimens in the spring.

Rubbings of Coins. Rubbings of coins may be successfully made by folding a piece of tissue paper, placing the coin at the bottom of the fold, and holding it firmly to prevent slipping. Rub the surface of the tissue paper lightly with a soft blue pencil, and you will be able to bring out clearly all of the type. Without removing the coin, rub the other side Pieces of high relief, as in the case of some medal, cannot be brought out by this process.—Lyman H. Low.





ODDS AND ENDS





A lead Papal seal, which evidently was once attached to an ecclesiastical document, has been found near Lincoln, England. It bears upon it the inscription, "MARTINUS PP. V." thus indicating that it was atached to a document bearing the seal of Pope Martin V., who was elected Pope in 1417, and died in 1431. Lincoln Museum has been fortunate in securing a number of treasures lately, many finds having been made during recent excavations in the City.

A vase was found lately at Gela, on which is painted the Battle of the Amazons. Experts affirm that it is the work of Polygnotus, of whose craftsmanship only three vases have hitherto been known.

A very interesting discovery of Roman pottery has just been made at Newbury, near the brick kilns belonging to S. and E Collier. No less than twenty Roman vessels have been unearthed.

According to a New York paper, a small faded red morocco volume bearing on the fly leaf the autograph of Charlotte Bronte, has just been purchased by a collector from one of the barrowmen in Farringdon Street. The literary price which is of considerable value, was secured for eight cents.

At a recent sale of old china, at London, an old Worcester tulip vase, painted with exotic birds in three compartments, sold for $700. Two pairs of Chelsea oval dishes, from the Duke of Cambridge's collection fetched $222.50, and a small wooden box, made from Shakespeare's celebrated mulbery tree, $36.

The members of the Sheffield Naturalists' Club have just celebrated the close of the season by a display of the specimens secured during the year. The President showed many minerals and fossils and rough agates, and Mr. G. W. Roome had some Tertiary fossils from the Paris Basin, and the south of France. The collection was displayed in the rooms of the Literary and Philosophical Society. This is a good way for all to exhibit their collections.

Tests of the many valuable hard woods native to Western Australia have made known the extraordinary properties of yate, believed to be the strongest of all known woods. Its average tensile strength is 24,000 lbs. to

the square inch, equaling that of good cast iron. Many specimens are, however, much stronger, and one was tested up to seventeen and a half tons to the square inch, which is equal to the tensile strength of wrought iron. The sawn timber of yate, is probably the strongest in the world. The tree grows to a maximum height of 100 ft., and has sometimes a diameter of two and a half or even three feet.

Some ancient pottery has just been found at Reading, England. In the neighborhood of the town many remains of ancient potteries have been discovered from time to time. Some of the ware, although crude in form and in its baking, is decorated with a sort of cross-hatched pattern and dogtoothed border around the rim.

The Prince of Wales has presented to the Royal Cornwall Institution a valuable collection of thirty-one gold coins found at Trembraze Farm, near Liskeard. The coins were claimed as treasure trove, the proprty of the Duchy of Cornwall of which the Prince is the Duke.

An interesting collection of old china has just been dspersed at Leeds. The prices realizd were very moderate, and collectors secured some good specimens. A Swansea plaque, painted with roses, by Billingsley, went for $9.50 and a pretty little Ellers ware teapot went for $8. Several Lowestoft teapots were sold at fairly good prices, and a Worcester teapot with a crescent mark realized $14.

At a sale of coins and medals in London a silver penny of Henry I., from the Stamford mint, realised $20 and a penny of Stephen, struck at Hereford mint $10. War medals again realized good prices, a Jellalabad 1842 medal sold for $50, and a Naval Copenhagen medal 1801, realised $60.

In contrast to the low prices realised at the sale of china mentioned above, reference may be made to a pair of Chelsea figures sold at London a few days ago for $725, and a Limoges salt cellar only three inches high, $225.

A rare folio, printed by William Caxton, in the first year of the reign of Richard III., was to be sold at London on December 14th. Various estimates of the value of the book being that it is worth fully $5000.

There are now many collectors of old bindings, and at recent sales books of absolutely no value in themselves have fetched quite high prices because of their elaborate covers. A few days ago a fine Venetian binding of 1529 in black morocco fetched a large sum and a Scotch binding of 1769, went for $125. Old covers, with supre libros, stamped outside, are well worth collecting, as their rarity is increasing.

A quantity of Celtic pottery with incised markings and decorations around the rims of the vessels has been discovered in the Isle of Thanet, near Dumpton, and spear heads, including several made of iron, have been found in the neighborhood of Broadstairs.

One of the most remarkable sales of bones of recent years has just taken place at London auction rooms, nearly 300 lots of bones and teeth being sold. Some fetched high prices, but the majority went very cheap. Perhaps one of the most interesting lots was a beautiful collection of rare chipped flints, arrow heads and spears, which was keenly competed for by collectors.



EDITOR S NOTE. The editor of this department would like to receive papers, magazines, books, etc. dealing with the subjects of Archeology and Concholo:y for review; also would appreci. ate clippings or accounts of discoveries along the lines of Indian relics and shells. Proper credit will be given. Address, W. Straley, Comanche, Texas.

Bulletin 33, Bureau Ethnolgy, "Skeletae Remains" by Ales Hedlicka, 113 pages, 21 plates. 16 figures. In the nineteen chapters is given an exhaustive descriptive history of all supposed prehistoric skeletal remains found within North America, especially the New Orleans skeleton, the Quebec skeleton, the Natchez pelvic bone, the Lake Monroe (Florida bones, the Soda creek skeleton. the Charleston bones, the Calaveras skull, the Rock Bluff cranium, the Man of Penon, the crama Trenton, the Trenton femur, the Lansing skeleton, the fossil man of Western Florida and the Nebraska "loess man". Everyone interested in the prehistoric inhabitants of this continent should read this book.

"The Story of Extinct Civilizations of the West," by Robert Anderson. D. Appleton & Co., New York. Cloth 16 mo., 195 pp., 40 cents postpaid. An interesting description of the now extinct civilizations that have been found in the Americas; giving a brief description of the archaeology of Mexico and Peru. A glance at the table of contents will give an idea of the scope of the little work—Chapter I, Pre-Columbian Discoveries of America; II, Discovery of the World and Man; III, The Extinct civilization of the Aztecs; IV, American Archaeology; V, Mexico Before the Spanish Invasion; VI, Arrival of the Spaniards; VII, Cortez and Montezuma; VIII, Balboa and the Isthmus; IX, Extinct civilization of C of Peru; X, Pizarro and the Incas.

Several weeks ago while going over some of the old Indian village sites, where I have been securing specimens for my collection during the past two or three years, and in crossing a field on the south bank of Indian creek I chanced upon a gravel pit therein. The pit is Y shaped, and about 60 feet long by 10 or 12 wide, and from 5 to 8 deep. The first two feet from the surface is composed of black soil in which are found numerous burnt stones and flint chips; this s followed by a strata of yellowish-brown dirt two or three feet thick and contains some gravel; the following strata is composed of gravel in which I found some periwinkle shells and flint chips. Embedded in the floor of the pit I found a broken implement of grey flint 2½ inches long, 2¼ broad and ⅜ thick, and appears to have been an extra long spear

or lance head (must have been ten or more inches in length); the workmanship is very fine. Also found an arrowhead 2½ inches long in a pile of gravel thrown out of the pit. Today, January 5, I revisited the site, and found in the bottom a grinding or rubbing stone 4x4¼ inches. I examined the surroundings on the surface, and found that the soil was strewn with many burnt stones and pieces of flint, similar to the village sites I have found elsewere. In my searching I found three arrowheads and three or four fragments—also a broken grinding stone. What puzzles me is: Did those specimens found embedded in the floor fall in while working the pit, or are they of still an earlier period? The pit is about a hundred yards from Indian creek on the bluff side.

The Arrangement of a Coin Cabinet

is often a troublesome matter, especially as the collection grows, and trays which have been alloted to certain sections become overcrowded, and the space needed has to be extended. It is well therefore, in arranging a cabinet, and every collector should have a cabinet, however small it may be, space should be allotted for probable developments. In arranging, for instance, a cabinet of English silver, it is not difficult to leave approximately sufficient space for each of the different sized coins needed, always bearing in mind the vast difference between the requirements of one reign and another, until the Edward's came to the throne, the collectable silver coins of English currency consisted of pennies and a few minor sub divisions, but when the groat was introduced by Edward III, a wider field was opened up, and quite a nubmer of beauttiyully preserved groats issued by the London, Calais, York, and other mints, may be secured, and at least one specimen from each of the well-known mint towns should be secured. So the space required from each reign will increase as time goes on, especially so when the larger crowns, commencing with Charles II., were issued.

From the general outline we have given, collectors may set to work, after selecting the series they intend to gather, with every confidence, and we can assure the most inexperienced that coin collecting is one of the most interesting hobbies ever followed. It opens up fields of research, historically and geographically, and its educational advantages are not the least among the benefits it bestows upon its devotees.

COIN NOTES.

The U. S. Mint at Philadelphia coined 108,138,618 one cent pieces during 1907. There were also struck during the past year 39.214,800 nickels. Apparently there will be enough small change to go 'round.

U. S. coins for use in the Phillipines are struck at Philadelpha and San Francisco. Last year only 10, 20, and 50 centavo pieces were made at Philadelphia, while the same denominations and 10,280,000 pesos (dollars) were coined at San Francisco. No proof sets were made of Phillipine coins during 1907, as has been done in the former years. The size of the peso has been reduced to conform with the higher price of silver bullion.

Are you in the mail order business? Have you tried Souvenir Post cards already? The fad is ripe, the country is waking up; get in line, get some illustrated circulars—get started. Look up ads in the WEST.

MINERALOGY



EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles, etc to this Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive Mont., will be answered as far as possible in this dept.—Forest Gaines]

Lignite In Abundance. A large amount of detailed work was done in North Dakota, during the past season by both the United States geological survey and the state geological survey. The study of the lignite deposits of North Dakota and adjoining states, commenced by the federal government two years ago, was continued. The party of five was in charge of Dr. A. G. Leonard, who had associated with him Carl D. Smith of Washington. The work began at Medora, and extended across the line into Montana, covering a strip of territory 24 miles wide on either side of the Northern Pacific railroad. The outcrops of the different coal beds were carefully mapped and their thickness and extent determined. It was soon discovered that the individual lignite seams, instead of covering only a limited area, as previously supposed, were,as a matter of fact, of great extent. One thick coal bed was traced on the bluffs of the Little Missouri river for a distance of 12 miles while another with a thickness of 16 feet and over, was found to continue for at least 24 miles

But a still more extensive coal seam is one which is now largely burned out but which is known to have covered an area measuring 32 miles north and south by 20 miles east and west, or some 640 square miles. This same lignite bed had a thickness of 12 to 18 feet. Other beds with a thickness considerably greater than this. The one near the base of Sentinel Butte measures 21 feet; another on Bacon creek, in southern Billings county, is 30 feet thick and the coal bed exposed on Sand creek has a thickness of 35 feet.

The age of the strata in which the lignite is found has long been in doubt and in order to determine it large collections of fossils were made in the course of the field work. In addition to the specimens secured by the members of the party, two of the geologists of the United States geological survey, Messrs. Knowlton and Peale, spent several weeks collecting about Bismark, Dickinson, Medora and Sentinel Butte,spending ten days with the government party near Medora The fossils, which are mostly leaves, indicate that the age of the coal bearing strata is not Laramie,as commonly supposed, but that they belong to a more recent formation called the Fort Union, from the old fort at the mouth of the Yellowstone, near Buford.

Much valuable information concerning this Fort Union formation,which covers the western half of North Dakota was secured during the summer and will be incorporated not only in the report to be published by the United

States geological survey but will be available also for the state geological survey report. While camped beside the Little Missouri at Medora the party came near being drowned out. the flood, which was one of the highest in 27 years, coming within a few inches of the tents.

While working in the vicinity of Sentinel Butte careful measurements were made to determine its exact height, since it is the highest point in the state. The butte was found to rise 650 feet above the town of the same name and it has an elevation of 3.350 feet above sea level.

(To be continued).

On Dec. 20th, 1907 a special meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, the purpose of the meeting being to discuss and present resolutions in the matter of efforts to improve the appearance of our present coinage. Three drafts of resolutions were presented by the committee consisting of Messrs. Brand Leon and Holmes. After a full discussion, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, the commendable effort of President Theodore Roosevelt to improve the artistic appearance of our coinage have brought about the adoption of new designs in the ten and twenty dollar gold pieces,

WHEREAS, the new designs have been severaly and unfavorably criticised by the people and in the public press, therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Chicago Numismatic Society, that, in the opinion of its members, such unfavorable criticism is, for the most part, unwarranted and not well considered; that constitute the best medium by means of which progress in medalic art can be illustrated to all the people and that therefore the great progress which has been made in this art since the designs heretofore in use were first adopted, should receive recognition on our coins; that the new designs, with the exception of the obverse on the ten dollar piece, are improvements, artistically, over those which they displace; that the reverse designs of both pieces might be further improved; that the obverse of the twenty dollar piece is the most beautiful design which has ever appeared on any authorized coin of our country; And be it further

RESOLVED, that the President be heartily commended for his labors in connection with the improvement of the artistic appearance of our coinage, and respectfully urged to continue his efforts until all of our coins are impressed with designs exemplifying the highest and best types of modern medallic art.

A motion was carried, instructing the Secretary to spread the reolutions on the minutes and to have a copy engrossed and forwarded to President Roosevelt.

The 48th monthly meeting of the Chicago NumismaticS ociety was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, Jan. 3rd. President W. F. Dunham in the chair. The following members were present: Messrs. Carey, W. F. Dunham, Brand, Simpson, Excell, Leon, Blumenschein, Chester, Dunham, Sorensen, Loer, Sears and Green. Edward T. Newell was transferred from corresponding to active membership. The following officers elect were installed for the coming year: President Virgil P. Brand; Secretary Ben G. Green; Treasurer F. Elmo Simpson; Librarian Chester Dunham Curator M P. Carey

An interesting talk was given by the retiring President, Mr. W. F.

Dunham, reviewing the work of the Society for the past year. Mr. Leon exhibited encased postage stamps and Territorial gold; and Mr. W. F. Dunham some rare Canadian tokens.

Stevenson's Dictionary of Greek Coins was added to the library.

Adjounrned to meet Feb. 7, 1908.

Ben G. Green, Secretary.



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The members of the M F. A. are entitled to vote on the following questions, and requested to mail their votes at once to the Secretary:

1. Shall we dissolve the club or continue to run it.
2. Shall the office of Ex. and Sales Mgr. be combined with that of Secy-Treas or not?
3. For president, J. D. Bartlett, A. Roterberg. The one failing to be elected shall be vice president.
4. Secretary and Treasurer (as one office). Wallace B. Grubb, O. T. Hartman
5. Sales & Exc. Mgr., Dr. L. M. Homburger.
6. Official Organ, WEST (monthly) or Redefilds (weekly)
7. Dues, 50c per year or 25c per year.

Note If Weekly is chosen as organ, we will be obliged to increase the dues to 50c as it is a weekly and is therefore more expensive.

Please make out your vote as early as possible and send it to Secretary.

Wm. C. Polk, Secy.

The great seal of the great South American Republic, engraved with the arms and mottoes of the country, and surrounded with the inscription, "Gouvernment Zuld Afrikaansche Rebubliek," created some interest when it wa sold a few days ago. Krouger's coins are rather a drug on the market. Large quantities were brought over to this country at the time of the war, and were bought by curio dealers and others in the hope that they might rise in value. but collectors of such modern coins appear to be well satisfied, and at the present time there are practically no buyers.

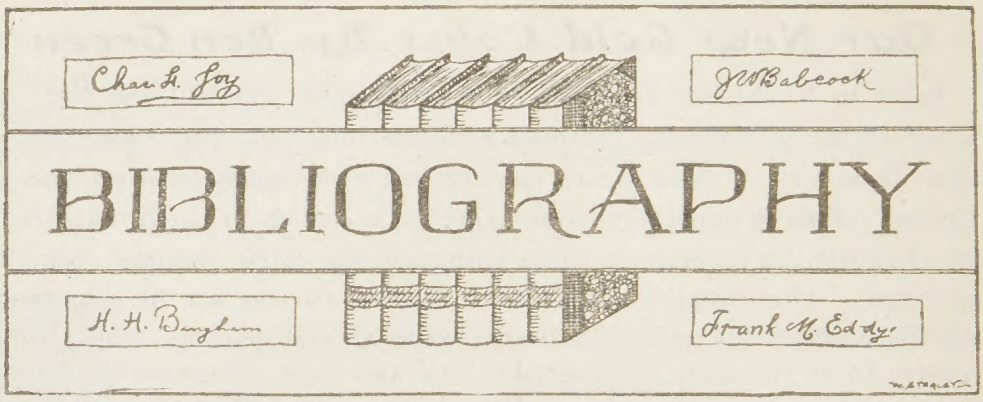
No less than $6000 was realized at the sale of a collection of proofs, essays and color trials of early British postage stamps at London recently. Minatures continue to fetch good prices, and at a sale of needlework pictures some high prices were paid for comparatively indifferent specimens There is a continued demand for old Chelsea figures, and even when damaged, collectors will pay large sums for well known pieces. Perhaps one of the best bargains for collectors not having too much money to spare, was a Chelsea sheperdess, sold for $7. It was a fine figure although damaged.

Our New Gold Coins By Ben Green

Early in November the mint at Philadelphia, sent out the first of the new ten dollar gold pieces, followed a month later by the twenties. The radical departure in these pieces has aroused wide spread interest and much criticism. This is generally to be expected, as tastes in these matters differ. Most of us dislike to give up those things which have become familiar by long usage. The designs for the new coins are by the late St. Gaudens; but the artistic effect has had to be destroyed in a large part by the alterations necessary to fit the coins for everyday use, and even collectors have to admit that circualtion as a monetary medium is the prime office of a coin.

The ten dollar piece, which comes in for the greatest amount of criticism, has on the obverse the face of Mary Cunningham, an Irish house maid, with an enormous feather headdress such as is supposed to be worn by Indian warriors. The reverse has an eagle strongly resembling the eagles found on the coins of the early Ptolemys of Egypt, which antidates the Christian era. This bird's particular strong point is the unusually heavy feathering of his legs. The fact that eagles are sometimes favored by nature in this way helps the novice to distinguish this creature from those other American birds, the turkey and the buzzard. The edge of the ten dollar piece has stars instead of ordinary milling.

In the first issue of the new twenty dollar pieces, of which there were 11,250 struck, we have a fine example of true artistic effect. The high relief brings out the figure of Liberty on the obverse and the flyng eagle on the reverse. Liberty is represented by a full length female figure with one foot resting upon a rock. It was this pose which brought the offending knee to grief, as it was made so prominent by the bend of the leg that the coins would not stack. An effort was made to overcome this difficulty by striking the pieces with an edge about double the thickness of the ordinary twenty dollar piece. Rays of the sun are in the background; in the distance the dome and a part of the capitol are seen. The date is in Roman numerals, MCMVII. On the reverse is a flying eagle such as appeared on the dollars of 1836, or more commonly seen on the cents of 1857 and 1858. Part of the orb of the sun is shown below from which the rays extend in all directions. The legend, "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" and "TWENTY DOLLARS" are in two lines above the eagle. The edge bears the legend, "E PLURIBUS UNUM" in raised letters. The modified piece, which is made suitable for commercial purposes, has the date in figures. It is not nearly so handsome a piece as the first, as the flattening of the relief greatly spoils the artistic effect. The motto, "IN GOD WE TRUST", used on our gold coins since 1866, has been omitted and has caused some criticism. However, it has been favorably received by almost everyone. The motto was not placed on our coinage under any act of congress, it being a sentiment proposed by a Treasury official at the close of the Civil war when reconstruction was harassing the country. Our money is the medium of exchange of the commonwealth and has nothing to do with our christianity. A minister refused a Christmas present of five of the twenty dollars because of their lack of this motto. He may with equal reason refuse to drink milk which was delivered in a bottle without this, or an equally pious motto blown into the bottle.



Prices in London

(Continued from last issue.)

B. Franklin, ALS, 2pp, fol, 1760 $60 00; E. Gerry, ALS, 2pp, 4to, 1803 10.50: Button, Gwinnett, DS, 4to. 1776 610 00.

This document was damaged, a part of it being missing.

Lyman Hall, ALS, fol, 1775 115 00: John Hancock, ALS, fol, 1775 20.00; B. Harrison, ALS, 4to, 1784 11 00; Joseph Hewes, ALS, 2pp, 4to. 1777 53.00; Thomas Heyward, ALS, 4to, 1797 110.00; William Hooper, ALS, fol, 1788 35.00; F. L. Lee, ALS, 2pp. 4to, 1776 27.50; R. H. Lee, ALS, 2pp, 4to, 1785 13 00; Thomas Lynch Jr. Signature 105.00

The Jr., was cancelled, which rather injured its value.

Arthur Middleton, DS, 4to, 1782, 32.50; Lewis Morris, ALS, fol. 1778, 100.00; Thomas Nelson, ALS fol, 1781 38.88; Wm. Paca ALS 4to 1778 9 50; George Read, ALS, 4to. 1772 11 00: John Penn, ALS, 4to, 1778 95.00: Caesar Rodney, ALS, 4to, 1778 6 00: George Ross, ALS, fol, 1770 20.00: Thomas Stone, ALS, 2pp, 4to, 1783 65 00; George Taylor, ALS, 4to, 1780, 105.00; Wm. Whipple, ALS, 4pp, fol, 1777 15.00: John Witherspoon, ALS, fol, 1776 22.00; George Taylor, ALS, 4to, 1780 105 00; Wm. Whipple, ALS, 4pp, fol, 1777 15.00; John Witherspoon ALS, fol. 1776 22.20: George Wythe, DS, 4to, 1770 13.00: Patrick Henry ALS, fol, 1777, 9 50; Henry Lee, ALS 4to, 1771, 4 50; Wm. Heath, ALS fol, 1777, 4 25; Henry Knox, ALS, 4to, 1782 27 00; John Laurens, ALS, 3pp, 4to, 1782 10 50; Israel Putnam, DS, fol, 1762, 37.50; James Madison, ALS, 2pp, 4to, 18 10; 8.50: James Monroe, ALS, 2pp. 4to. 1822, 4.75; Benedict Arnold, ALS. 2pp, fol, 1777 50.00: Thomas Gage, ALS. 4to. 1771, 6.50; J Q Adams. ALS, 2pp, 4o, 1834, 5 25: M. Van Buren. ALS, 2pp, 4to, 1830, 3 25; W H Harrison. ALS, 4to, 1833, 8 00: John Tyler. ALS 2pp 4to 1834 3 50; J. K. Polk, ALS. 4pp, 4to, 1823 7 25 Zachary Taylor, ALS, 2pp, 4to, 1823 4100.; M Fillmore. ALS, 2pp, 4to. 1854.4.25: F. Pierce. ALS, 2pp 4to, 1856 5.00; Jas. Buchanan, ALS. 8vo, 1858 2 25; Abraham Lincoln, ALS, 8vo, 1862 110.00.

This was a letter of one sentence calling a meeting of the cabinet. It seems an extraordinary price.

Alexander Hamilton, ALS, 6pp, 4to. 1800. 130 00: A letter of very fine political contents

John Marshall ALS. 4to, 1833. 16 00: Richard Dale, ALS. 4to. 1807 4 50; Stepehn Decatur, ALS, 4to, 1811 5.75: Isaac Hull, ALS. 4to. 1812, 5 25: Thos. Macdonough, ALS. 4to. 1824 3 00: Wm. Smallwood, ALS. 2pp. 4to. 1779. 8 50:

Daniel Boone, ALS, fol, 1784, 65 00; Cadwalader Colden, ALS, 2pp, fol, 1765 6.80; David Crockett, ALS, 2pp, 4to, 1834, 37.50; Wm. Dunlap, ALS, 4to. 1828, 7.50; Thomas Moore, ALS, 4to, 1831, 19.00; Thomas Paine, ADS, 4pp, fol, 39.00; Napoleon, LS, 2vv, fol, 1799, 1800.

At Messrs. Hodgson's book sale in London the other day, 205 lots of books fetched $8005.

Sir Robert Gordon's "Encouragements for Undertakers in the New Plantation of Cape Briton," 1623, brought $700 against $17 for the Gordonstoun copy nine decades ago. T. Budd's "Good Order Established in Pennsilvania," 1685, the first book printed in America by William Bradford, fetched $505. Eburn's "Paline Pathway," 1624, $350.

In 1751 Gray's "Elegy" was published at 10c. A copy now fetched $520, just bout the sum paid in 1845 for the original draft. Fielding's "Tom Jones", in the original state, was the second issue of the first edition.

It was valued at $400, and is probably that sold as the first edition in 1902 for $480 Dickens' "Boz", with the colored wrappers, brought $375: Ptoelemy's "Cosmographia," 1482, $290.

At the two days' sale the chief lot comprised Dr. T. C. Jerdon's own copy of his "Birds of India," prepared for a later edition never published, the original MS. for a supplement, and a collection of drawings by him to illustrate the work. Together they realized $1250 Dr. Jerdon was a famous zoologist, and the work in question is described as of great value.

Famous Paintings to Come to America. It is learned in this city that Thomas Agnew, & Sons, art dealers, of London, are the buyers of the famous Ashburton collection of paintings. The price paid was about $3,000,000, and has some of the finest of the pictures are to come to this country. Stevenson Scott of the firm of Scott & Fowles saw the collection in England a month ago, and he thinks that a Murillo in it it will probably be brought to New York. Two of eight or ten Rembrandts may be sent here, each being valued at $200,000 One is the portrait of Rembrandt by himself, and the other is a portrait of a brother artist, Cornelius Janssen.—Chicago Record Herald.

"When boys and girls attain the age of twelve, they nearly always find some hobby which they take a fancy to. I was no exception to that rule, and I took up first of all stamp collecting. Living in a quiet village I found it a fine recreation, after my lessons were finished, to place my fresh specimens in my ablum. I found my collection a great help to me in my study of history and geography. The following summer I bought a cheap camera and photographed but I replaced it with a ¼-plate, which I now take with me on my cycle tours. It is a fine size for photo post card.

Oldest Bank Notes. The oldest banknotes in the world are the "flying money" or convenient money, first issued in China in 1697 B. C. One writer tells that the ancient Chinese bank notes were in many respects similar to those of the present day, bearing the name of the note, the signature of the official who issued it, and its value, in both figures and words. On the top of these notes was the following philosophical injunction. "Produce all you can; spend with economy."



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Friends:—

The past year has been one full of many draw backs to our society. The first year of a new society is always the most discouraging and collectors look on and wonder if the society will appear in the next issue, thinking that perhaps it will expire with each issue As our Vice Pres. of New York says, he has been watching our growth and is satisfied that we have passed the experimental stage. I wonder where there is another society that ever made the growth we have in our first year. Another draw back at the start was ready money to push the society. We are now in good shape and every cent will be placed to push the society. We are waiting now on the printer for a large supply of application blanks and as soon as they are off the press they will be sent out in large numbers. As far as possible a supply will be sent to the members and you are asked to kindly pass them on to some one interested in the future of collecting, and—remember that if you have small circulars you wish sent out forward them to the Sec. and he will be only too glad to put them in with his letters. We will do anything we can to help the members and will appreciate any help you may be able to give in return.

We have had many letters since our change in placing the collectors in groups and I am sorry that we did not make the changes sooner. We will be glad at any time to have your suggestions and you may rest assured that will be seriously conisdered. We note that the Sunflower Stamp Co., Wm. Blomberg, Pres. has just purchased the interest owned in the company by

Mr Simpson formerly one of the firm. We have three membrs in the above company, how is that? Our special offer has proved so satisfactory that here after, anyone who wishes to join the Union, who has a years subscription ahead to the official organ, THE WEST will only be required to pay 25c membership dues. So many have written that they belong to some other society or for other reasons have their subscripiton ahead that we feel that it is no more than right. If you are just sending in your yearly subscription don't forget to tell the publisher to etxend to you a mebmership in the Collectors Union. See our list of firms this month. There ought to be a thousand more. Any member who is a dealer of any kind is entitled to have his name here, tell your Sec. Do it now. We offer here a list of firms loyal to the Union and you will find them worthy of a share of your patronage. T. C. Sparks, Fossil dealer, Jeffersonville, Ind. O. C. Brush, Stamp dealer, B Belgium, N. Y. Forney Gilliam, Post card dealer, Bx 51, Ardmore, Okla. Lloyd S Foulk, Bx 48, Schuyler, Penna. The Sunflower Stamp Co, Stamp dealers, 1503 Atchison St., Atchison, Kan. Claude C. Beals, Stamp and Album Dealer, 701 Pearl St, Boulder, Col. W. Straley, Cartoonist, Comanche, Texas.

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Address all communications to the Secretary. Application blanks and particulars furnished free upon request by any of the officers or representatives.

ROLL OF HONOR.

1204. Hjalmar Haddorf (2) 1209. Miss Gorgonia Rodriquez
1291. Walter Kreuger (2) 1326. Leman G. Terwilliger
1336. Fred A. Anderson.

Numbers in parenthesis indicate number of times names have appeared on the Roll of Honor.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

99. Jose C. Alvarado, formerly of Victoria No. 14, Celeye, Gto., Mexico, has been ill and out of town for some time, and consequently unable to properly attend to his correspondence, but is endeavoring to catch up, and respectfully asks the patience of all members. Mr. Alvarado's present address is Jaral del Valle, Gto , Mexico.

1168. George Guy, 513 7th Ave. South, Saint Cloud, Minn., desires to

hereafter exchange for upright views only.

1286. Irvin Halman, Ancon, Canal Zone, Panama, wishes to in future exchange with members of the United States only.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

To answer all cards promptly.

To place full name and address and UNION number on all cards sent for or in exchange.

To enclose return postage when writing for information of any kind.

To notify the publisher if you do not receive the WEST regularly, and not the Secretary of the UNION. The pubilisher has been paid for your subscription and is under obligations to send you the paper.

That we close our report the 15th of each month and all notices and new memberships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.

That members are forbidden (unless requested by their correspondents) to mail view cards, for or in exchange, from states other than the one in which they reside, and members receiving such cards, which are necessarily mailed in violaion of this rule, are under no obligations to reply.

To promptly advise the Secretary in writing of all members who fail to answer your cards, giving dates cards were sent as well as full names and addresses of the delinquents. Members in the United States and Canada are allowed one month in which to anwser; Mexico, West Indies and Europe, two months; all other places except Australia, three motnhs: Australia, four months

That we do not publish membership lists at regular intervals, nor do we promise to furnish anyone with a new list every month, but we will gladly mail lists when pubilshed, to all sending postage. The last list was published January 15, so if you wish a copy, please send postage to the Secretary.

That we give as a premium five beautiful cards for each new member you secure, and also publish your name on our Roll of Honor.

To promptly renew, when your membership expires.

That we do not have any rules or regulations, other than the forgoing, and by carefully complying therewith, we are sure you will be satisfied with your membership in The Union.

RENEWALS.

576. S. Sugiyama, 9 Yamabushicho, Shitaya Tokio. Japan.

686. Miss Kina McKelvey, 288 E. 1st, Street, North Portland, Oregon.

869. Oscar Tedeschi, 3 Bardissi St., Alexandria, Egypt.

890. W.. P. Jacoby, 219 Fifth Ave., San Francisco, Cailf.

903. Arnaldo Ghisla, Av. de Mayo 1124, Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic.

NEW MEMBERS.

1329. Theodore Anderson, 674 Clifton Ave., Chicago, Ill. (No comics).

1330. A. Lyle Rickel, Juniata, Nebr. Foreign only.

1331. Mrs. Nina Baker, 1505 Jackson St., Omaha, Nebr.

1332. A. J. Lins, 149 Wright St., Newark, N. J.

1333. Miss Francisca Joven, Bacolor, Pampanga, Phillipine Islands.

1334. Joseph L. Bigger, 2030 Miami Street, Omaha, Nebr.

1335. Harrison B. Strong, R. F. D. 2, Box 24, Bertrand, Nebr.

1337. Miguel Sanchez, Moreno 1411, Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic.

1339. Jose Madariaga, Rivadavia 2139 (Atlos), Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic.

1340. Alfredo Martinez, Peru 314, Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic.

1341. Jose Benavides, Alsina 801, Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic.

1342. Manuel Arastequi, Bolaval, Provincia Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic.

1343. Miss Maria Luisa Aussedot, Estacion Ernestina, Prov. Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic.

1344. Miss Joaquina Aussedot, Estacion Ernestna, Prov. Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic.

1345. Miss Justa Aussedot, Estacion Ernestina, Provincia Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic.

1346. Miss Josefina Aussedot, Estacion Ernestina, Provincia Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic.

1347. Miss Julia Aussedot, Estaion Ernestina, Provincia. Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic.

1348. Manuel Net. Bolivar, Provincia Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic.

1349. Prudencio B. Lezcua, Bme. Mitre 1142, Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic.

1350. C. M. Rystad, Clifton, Texas.

1351. Mrs. Kate Fladuing, 401 Benson Street. Lockland, Ohio.

1352. Frank Siebert, 84 Long Avenue, Ivorydale, Ohio.

1358. Miss Emily Larsen, Bertrand, Nebr.

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980. . Lloyd G. Cline, from Greeley to Denver, 1451 So. 9th St., Colo.

1067. Miss Elsie Fredericks, from 354 E. Division St., to 604 North Wells St., Chicago, Ill.

1248. Paul A. Jonnson, from71 T ilton St , St. Paul, Minn., to 228 S Walnut St., Watertown, S. Dak.

1324. Carlo Zeimet, from 255 West 15th St , to P. O. Box 1613, New York, N .Y .

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

The following memberships will expire during the month of February If your number is among them, we will greatly appreciate a reimttance for anothr year. At aLy rate kindly advise if you wish your name continued as a member, or withdrawn: 405, 949,951,952, 953, 954,955, 956,578, 958 959,9 60, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 971, 972, 973, 749, and 975.

RESIGNED.

887. Miss Addie Bronson, Stillwater, Minn. When a member resigns it is because he no longer wishes to exchange cards. Therefore, when a resignation is announced, please discontinue sending the resigner cards for exchange.

EXPELLED.

464. Allen Bechter, Pierce, Nebr., on complaints of 763, 770 and 1308 When a member is expelled his name should be immediately stricken from your membership list.

At a sale of engravings in London recentl some very high prices we paid. Among others a copy of "Lady Peel", by Samuel Cousins, sold fo $350. "The Countess Gower and Lady Elizabeth Leveson-Gower," by the same artist, realized $80.



The Sun Basket

See Illustrations

By Courtesy of Western Field

In the heart of the Red Earth country, about one hundred fifty miles north of San Francisco, today one may see rancherias of Indian villages called pomos. These are most numerous in Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino counties, where the creeks around Russian river abound in fish. "Bam," the basket plant, either grass, vine or tree, grows in profusion in the root of sedge, wild grape or willow along the fringed edges of lake and stream. The sherry-brown-red bark of the root of the redwood tree and the brilliant black covering of the unpeeled tule root--especially the rare species known as "flowering tule," a dioecious plant of which only the male variety produces the blossom, are used for patterns.

The Poma clans excel in the art of basketry, and although their art, from the infusion of Spanish blood, bears the stamp of European taste and refinement, with the true intuition of her race, the Poma woman shows a manipulation of the material truly aboriginal. Feather basketry reaches the acme in the form of a little red basket, Ta sitol, commonly called the "sun basket." Though Indian in design and intention, this basket is not known among aboriginal tribes, as it symboliezs the union of two races, having originated with the halfbreed clans who crossed the plains four hundred years ago, at the time of the discovery of the Mississippi river, the guides of De-Soto.

The stitch is on a three rod foundation of the bamshibu or coiled type, the coils being willow rods soaked and bound in the form of a circle to give them shape. These rods can be extended to any size after being once dried. For weaving, the strand used is the rod of sedge grass (carex) between the stitches of which, while weaving, feathers of the red crested woodpecker are laid one at a time. On the border is sometimes a band of yellow, made of the feathers of the yellow throated lark, edged on the rim with a row of kaya, flat disks of shell wampum These white disks have given the Poma Woman the name of "The White Bead Woman of the Far West," though really they are not beads at all, but are made in different sizes representing the value of silver money. Their value has much depreciated since the early days of Cailfornia history, still, at present they are worth one hundred eighty, one hundred sixty, and one hundred twenty to the American dollar in average sizes. The largest of them are worth twenty cents each, and the smallest two hundred and twenty to the dollar. For gold, a hexagon prism of magnesite, much resembling meerschaum, is the standard of these Indians, used in trade with the first Spanish settlers.

On the most elaborate sun baskets gold wampum is made into the same form as silver, and differs from it in appearance by having a tinge in veins of the red of iron pyrites of the red earth where it is found. On baskets made by Lake tribes, whose token is the "kea" or quail plume, sometimes a border of Tsai-kakh-keya is made on the edge, each quail top held in place by a bead.--To be concluded next number.

Laws Concerning the First Bank in the United States, sent by A. Coover

The Bank of North America.

An Act for the Establishment of a National Bank; and for preventing the Establishment of every other Bank; and to prevent the passing of forged Bank Bills.

WHEREAS a national bank is of great service as well to the pubilc as to individuals; and the United States in Congress assembled, have by their resolution of May the twenty sixth, one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, approved of the plan submitted to them for the estabilshment of a national bank within the said United States:

Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the subscribers to the national bank approved of by the United States as aforesaid, be and they hereby are incorporated on behalf of this Commonwealth, by the name of the President, Directors and Companyof the Bank of North America, according to the terms of the ordinance ot incorporate the said subscribers, passed by the United States in Congress assembled on the thirty first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That during the continuance of the present war with the crown of Great Britain, no other bank, nor any other corporation, company, or contitution, in the nature of a bank, shall be erected. or established, permitted or allowed, within this Commonwealth. Provided nevertheless, that if either of the United States hall, during the said war, establish or permit any other bank, society or constitution, in the nature of a bank to be established within the same, then this clause shall be void and of no effect.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all notes and bills which have been or shall be issued by, for, or in the name of the said president, director and company, and payable on demand, shall be receivable in the payment of all taxes, debts and duties, due, or that may become due, or payable to or for account of the said United States.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That, if any person shall forge, alter or counterfeit any sealed bank bill, or obilgation, made or given out for, or in the name of the said president, directors and company, for the payment of any sum of money; or any bank note of any sort whatsoever, signed for or in the name of said president, directors and company, or shall alter or erase the same, or any endorsement thereunto, or shall demand the money therein, pretended to be due, or any part thereof, of the said president, directors and company, or their successors, or any person or persons, knowing such bill, obligation, or note to be altered, forged, counterfeited, or erased, and with intention to defraud the said president, directors and company, or any other person or persons, everyone so offending, and being thereof convicted in due form of law, shall be deemed guilty of felony, and shall suffer death as a felon, without benefit of clergy.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons, shall forge, or counterfeit, or procure to be forged, or counterfeited, or knowingly and willfully act or assist in forging or counterfeiting

any letter of attorney, or instrument, to transfer or convey any share or shares of stock, or any part thereof, of and in the bank aforesaid, or to receive the same, or any dividend or dividends rising from the same; or shall knowingly and fraudulently demand to have any such share or shares, dividend or dividends, or any part thereof, uutransferred, conveyed or received, by virtue of such counterfeit or forged letter of attorney or instrument; or shall falsely and deceitfully personate any true and lawful proprietor or proprietors of any share or shares in stock, dividend or dividends, thereby transferring or endeavoring to transfer and convey the same, or receiving or endeavoring to receive the money of such true and lawful proprietor, as if such offender were the true and lawful owner thereof; then, and in every such case, every person so offending, and being thereof duly convicted, shall be adjudged guilty of felony, and shall suffer death as a felon, without benefit of clergy.

(From Laws of Massachusetts, 1782)

During extensive alterations of the Lindrick golf course, Sheffield, Eng., workmen have discovered fifty silver coins of the reign of Henry VIII., under a thorn tree, a spot where tradition points to the old packhorse rack crossing the common. The coins which had evidently been buried during troubulous times were under one sod, and only a few inches below the surface of the ground, which had been trod by so many people for centuries. The coins are claimed as treasure-trove.

Some interesting additions have been made to the Taunton Museum lately in consequence of the excavations which have been carried out at Wick Barrow, a large tumulus in the parish of Stogursey. This mound which was thought might prove to be the burial place of the Danish chieftain Hobba, contained a number of relics of the early bronze age, three skeletons accompanied by ornamental drinking vessels of bronze were found, also a fine flint knife, but no other metal objects.

According to Mr. Frank Freeth, the owner of a magnificent collection of English pottery, Old Staffordshire slipware is much appreciated just now and prices are going up. He tells how a small teapot, on which he had set his mind, sold for $25 recently, although he thouhgt $15 was a good price for it.

The Latest? By W. S. Bradford

These post cards, Oh these post cards
What will they lead us to?
Just when we have the latest—
They ring in something new.
I tho't I'd reached the limit
When an awful blow was dealt,
I mean the day I first observed
Miss Current's post card belt.

There are Post cards that are sporty
And post cards of good taste,
But it certainly was stunning—
That album 'round her waist.
"I'm up against the real thing,"
"It's the worst I ever felt,"
These and more such doings on
Miss Current's post card belt.



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NEW MEMBERS.

27 General Forney Gilliam, Box 51, Ardmore, Oklahoma—historical scenery views, to bear local postmark.

28. A R. Frey, 1083 Lincoln Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.—unused colored views, sent in sealed envelope only.

29 Miss Nona Pennington, 709 Elks Grove Ave, Chicago, Illinois—colored views, no comics

30. Anthony R. Christenson, 100 Lamparlla St., Havana, Cuba—good colored view cards.

31. Irvan Halman, Ancon, Canal Zone, Panama—will always send first.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The Secretary wishes to announce that he is too busy at present to answer cards which have been sent him, but will answer same as soon as possible.

No 26. Elmer G. Erlinger, R. F. D. No 4, Belleville, Illinois wishes to announce that he don't wish to receive comic cards after this date.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

No 18 Charles A. Mitchell, from 427 41st St., to 523 48th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

DEFENSE FUND

A Defense Fund shall be maintained by this club for the protection of its members and any member of this club who sends another member a card and failing to receive reply to same according to the time limit allowed by our own rules, can make application to the secretary of this club for reimbursement for the cost of the card plus the postage on same, under the fol-

lowing conditions:—No one Member shall be reimbursed until two other members have reported as failing to receive reply from the dishonest collector, the dishonest collector expelled, then the three reporting members will be reimbursed at the same time. No member can make claim for more than 25c during the one year of his or her membership in the club.

REPRESENTATIVES.

We want a representative in each state and foreign country. Do you want a position as representative? If so please make application to the Secretary. At any rate we want your membership, and as an inducement for you to join us we have reduced the dues for Philatelic West subscribers in U. S. 10c; Canada, 15c; Mexico, 15c; Foreign, 20c. For those who are not subscribers to the Philatelic West the dues are as follows: U. S., 5c; Canada, 50c; Mexico, 50c; Foreign, 70c. This dispensation ends March 1, 1908, after March 31, 1908, the regular dues will be charged. Why not join now while you can get in at this cheap rate? If you don't you will surely miss a good opportunity. We wish this club to be one of the largest of its kind in America and with your assistance we can make it a large club, otherwise we cannot. We wish to state further that this club was organized for the purpose of giving a better exchange to card collectors and not for a money making scheme. Our motto is "Once with us you will always stay."

SPECIAL

As a further inducement for you to secure new members for this club we offer the following prizes: 1st, One honorary life membership to the member securing the largest number of new members. 2nd, One yearly membership to the member securing the second largest number of new members. 3rd, One dozen colored views of the Adirondack mountains to the member securing the third largest number of new members. Contest closes March 1st, '08. Contest winners' names will be published in the March 08' issue of the WEST, in case there is a tie between two or more members, the same prize will be awarded each contestant.

Note: We will have our first membership list printed by Feb. 1st. '08. All members will be furnished a list as soon after that date as is possible to mail them. Awaiting your application,

I am sincerely yours.
James A. Carr, Jr., Sec. Treas.

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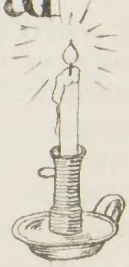
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American Historical Discoveries....

By





EDITOR'S NOTE.

THE EDITOR OF THIS DEPARTMENT WILL BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE COPIES OF HISTORICAL MAGAZINES AND BOOKS ON HISTORICAL SUBJECTS FOR REVIEW; ALSO CLIPPINGS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST. PROPER CREDIT TO ALL CORRESPONDENTS

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EDITORS NOTE.—Any suggestions, clippings, magazines, etc., will be gratefully received. P. M. CONNER, 447 N. 42nd St., Philadelphia, Penn.

Notes and Reviews

I must ask the pardon of those who may be interested in this department, for its omission last month, on account of the illness of the editor.

I have recently received. for review copies of the Magazine of American History, Port Chester, N. Y. It is full of up-to-date news of historical interest, as well as articles of more than passing value, from the pens of distinguished writers.

The leading article of the Oct. '07 is upon the work of the Oklahoma Historical Society. The Nov. issue contains a lengthy article on the celebration of the centennial of the village of Herkimer, N. Y.; while the Dec. number contains numerous articles of patriotic interest.

An original letter of John Adams, dated 1809, has recently come to light. It was written to Col. Joseph Ward and shows that he had fears for our nation in its early days. Among other things he states that the history of our country was becoming full of falsehoods; he accuses Hamilton of circulating many of these; which he endeavored to rectify.

"The Union Fire Company of Philadelphia," organized Dec. 6, 1737 was the first volunteer fire company in America.

The Alden Kindred Association has bought the old Alden Homestead at Duxberry, Mass.

It was here that John Alden and his wife Priscilla lived nearly 100 years ago. It will be restored to its original appearance and used as a family museum. The Aldens plan to hold all family reunions here in future.

Laborers, while engaged in digging a cellar for a Philadelphia school, have unearthed several coffins This site is near where Wm. Penn first landed; and this, coupled with the fact that there are no records of a cemetery in that neighborhood, has lead to the belief that these are the bodies of some of Penn's followers.

President Roosevelt has recently approved the proposal of Miss Elsie Shaw, of St. Paul, to have an official national edition of America's patriotic songs This is a step in the right direction, as many of our national airs have several different versions. An expert of the Music Department of the Congressional Library has verified this and the President has now taken the matter up with the Librarian of Congress.

Let me again urge the readers of this department to sending clippings

and notes of interest. Full credit will be given to all.

It has recently been reported that Mrs. John A. Logan had decided to present all the war trophies and mementoes of her husband's collection to the State of Illinois.

Admiral Dewey is one of the officials of an association formed for the purpose of purchasing the home of Francis Scott Key, and maintaining it as a historical museum.

The American Historical Review for January has recently come to hand. It contains an excellent article by Max Farrand entitled "The First Hayburn Case, 1792."

At the recent meeting of the Prespyterian Historical Society, in Philadelphia, the Rev. Henry C. McCook, D. D., D. Sc., L. L. D. was elected president. Dr. McCook is a man learned along many lines, and no better person could have been chosen than he.

The first patents issued by the U. S. Government, were issued simultaneously to John Fitch, Nathan Reed, Jas. Rumsey and Jno. Stevens for steamboats on August 26, 1791.

It is with regret that we chronicle the death of Brig. Gen. Albert L. Lee, a Civil War veteran, editor and banker, at New York on Dec. 31st last.

Gov. Stuart, of Penna., recently appointed a commission to erect a tablet at Middle Springs, Pa. in memory of the heroism of the soldiers in the Revolutionary War and the Wars of 1812 and 1846.

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Prehistoric Relics in Wreck. A large part of the ceiling of the Peabody Museum at Yale University fell recently damaging some of the most valuable fossils and remains of extinct animals in the world. The specimen were collected by the late Professsor Othnie C. Marsh, curator of the museum, and bequeathed to the university. Most of them are skeletons of prehistoric mammoths of the dinosaur type. It is beileved nearly all of the broken specimens can be restored —Chicago Record Herald.

Local exhibits are always interesting because they include curios which add so much to the knowledge and customs and events which took place in the locality. The Scarborough Museum contains many curious relics, notably the clipping of old coins, and some perfect specimens found in Scarborough Castle. These, known as siege money, were made from silver plate during the time of the Civil War, the chief emblem on the die being a representation of the castle gateway. Similar coin were struck at Pontefract in Yorkshire and Beeston in Cheshire; the last named are very scarce.



..Camera News..



Editor—F. J. Clute, San Francisco

Assassination By Photography

By Harry F. Blanchard

Freak photographs have been greatly encouraged since magazines and newspapers have been printing some extraordinary pictures. Here for intance is a photo of a person who has cut his own head off. This photo was made by making three exposures on the same negative. A black piece of cloth used as a back ground was fastened too the inside of a building in the bright sun light, after this was completed the camera was placed on a tripod about seven feet from the center of the back ground, then after getting the poser in position, I covered this with a black handkerchief so as to correspond with the black back ground, then I was ready to make first exposure, (this represents the poser with his head off.) The second exposure was about ready to be made, after having the poser kneel back of a stand and resting his chin on it, I placed a piece of black cloth between the person and the stand. This hid his body from being seen and this corresponds with the back ground, then I made the second exposure, I then removed the stand and hid the poser stand to the right of the back ground with a knife in his hand which represents him as cutting him his own head off. Thus the third exposure was made in the same negative. Similar cut used a few years ago.

NOT A TWO HEADED BOY.

Here is another freak photograph given in the November number of the WEST which appears as if the poser had two heads, but he hasn't any more heads than the averaged human is endowed with. This photograph was taken by making two flash exposures on the same negative. After fastening a dark colored back ground to the side of the room, I placed the camera on a tripod about seven feet from the center of the back ground, and after having the poser sit in a chair in front of the back ground, I had him lean his head far to one side. Now I was ready to make my first exposure, after setting the flash off I had the poser bend his head far to the opposite side, then I set the second flash light off with the result shown in the accompanying photo.

A HOME MADE RUBY GLASS

Dissolve a little cosine in ordinary negative varnish, and also a like amount of aurantia in another portion of the varnish. Flow one side of two sheets of glass, one with one varnish and the other with the remainder. When dry, bind the two with their varnished surfaces together and you will have an excellent substitute for the expensive and often hard to obtain ruby glass. A pair of glasses so produced is as near safe as one can hope to secure and passes a very pleasing and comfortable light by which to work. Continued use will result in a slight fading of the color, but they are so easily prepared and the fading is so slow, except where sunlight is used as an illuminant, that this difficulty is a very slight drawback.

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AN ALBUM WRINKLE.

In talking over photographic experience with a friend, he carelessly dropped a hint with reference to albums which I immediately decided was too good to be lost. Therefore, to give the workers the benefit of it, I write this letter that you may publish it in our worthy periodical, the WEST. My friend has discovered that the very best way to keep his prints, the good ones, is to place them in albums, preferably the loose leaf variety.

This he has been doing for some time and has found that with constant use and handling the delicate surface of some of his best prints was being destroyed, occasioned by the pages or rather the two prints on opposite pages, rubbing together. Of course it is possible to avoid this by inserting tissue between the leaves but this has its disadvantages inasmuch as the tissue inserts are being continually torn and folded An idea occurred to him that if the pages could be kept slightly separated, the trouble would be avoided. He secured some felt about an eighth of an inch thick, cut it into small circular pieces about an inch in diameter, and pasted one on each corner of each leaf, that is, two to each leaf I say pasted, but perhaps the ordinary fish glue would be better. Thus it is obvious that the pages are always kept slightly apart preventing the prints coming in contact with each other. As it is possible to secure felt in nearly all the colors that album leave come in, these pieces can be easily selected to correspond, thus avoiding undue prominence

I hope the use of this idea will give other a much satisfaction as it has me, and should it do so I will feel fully repaid for my trouble.

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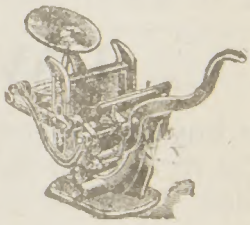
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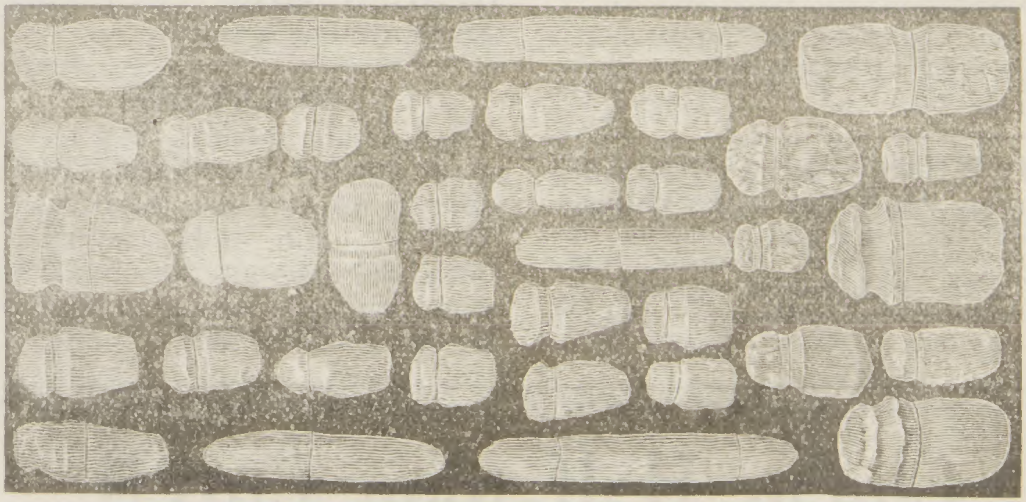
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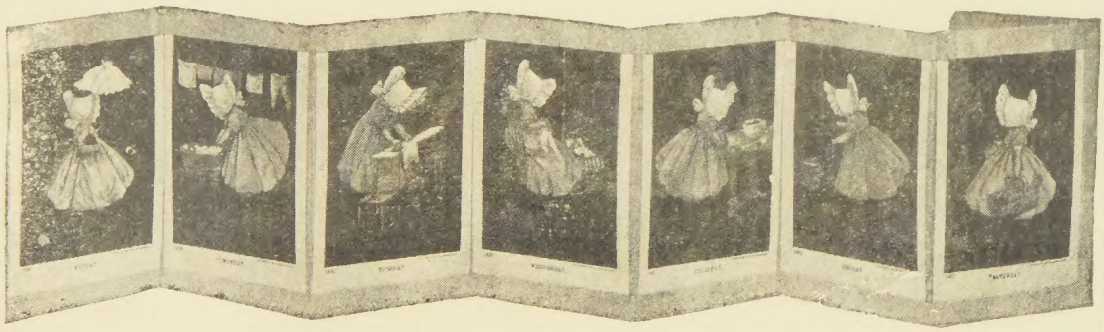
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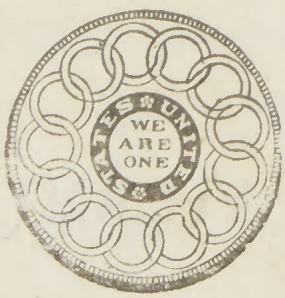


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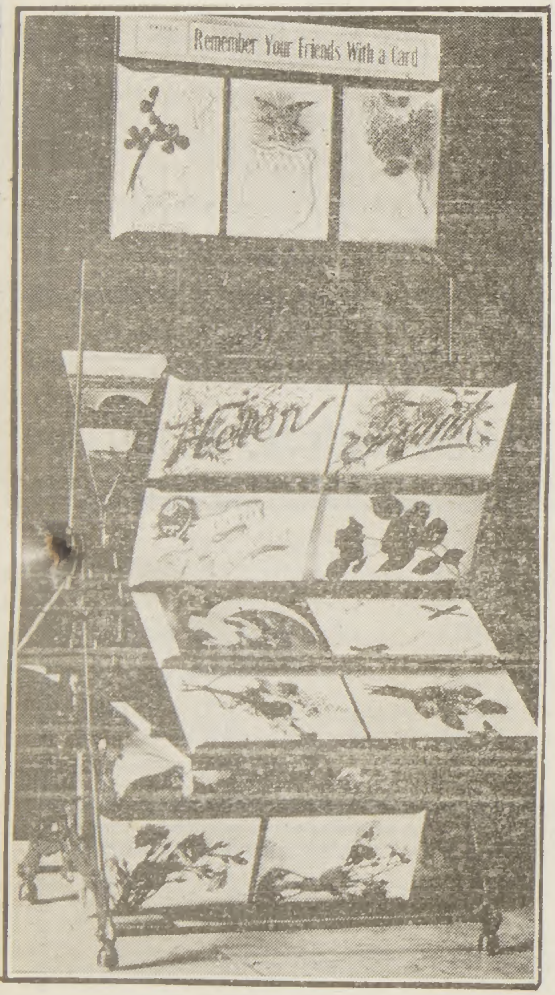
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	2c blue	8
	5c black	9
	10c vermilion	10
	25c green	10
1882	1c green	1
	2c carmine	1
	5c blue	2
	10c violet	2
	15c yellow	4
	20c slate gray	5
	50c violet	15
1890	1c yellow brown	1
	2c vermilion	1
	5c blue	2
	10c lilac gray	2
	20c red	3
	50c violet	4
	1p dark brown	6
	2p green	6
	5p carmine	6
	10p orange	6
1891	1c yellow brown	1
	2c red	1
	5c blue	2
	10c slate	2
	20c brown violet	6
	50c purple	6
	1p gray brown	6
	2p green	6
	5p brown red	6
	10p orange	6
1892	1c yellow brown	1
	2c vermilion	1
	5c blue	2
	10c slate	2
	20c maroon	3
	50c purple	3
	1p brown	3
	2p green	6
	5p rose lake	6
	10p orange	6
1893	1c yellow brown	1
	2c vermilion	1
	2c dark brown	$1.50
	5c dark blue	2
	10c slate	2
	20c red	2
	50c purple	3
	1p dark brown	3
	2p green	6
	5p rose lake	6
	10p orange	6
1894	1c yellow brown	6
	2c vermilion	1
	5c deep blue	2
	10c slate	2
	20c lake	2
	25c yellow green	15
	50c purple	3
	1p brown	6
	2p green	6
	5p brown red	6
	10p orange	6
1895	1c yellow brown	1
	2c vermilion	1
	5c deep blue	2
	10c slate	2
	20c claret	2
	50c violet	3
	1p brown	3
	2p green	4
	5p brown red	8
	10p orange	8
1896	1c purple	1
	2c green	1
	5c bright rose	2
	10c blue	5
	20c brown	2
	50c blue gray	5
	1p black	5
	2p claret	8
	5p dark blue	8
1897	1c violet	1
	2c green	1
	5c bright rose	2
	10c blue	2
	20c brown	2
	50c blue gray	3
	1p black	3
	2p claret	8
	5p deep blue	8
1898	1c brown	1
	2c slate	1
	4c red brown	2
	5c olive	2
	10c purple	3
	15c ultramarine	3
	20c blue	3
	50c yellow	3
	1p violet blue	5
	2p bistre brown	5
	5p orange	10
1899	1c gray green	1
	2c bistre brown	1
	4c lake	2
	5c dark blue	2
	10c brown yellow	3
	15c chocolate	2
	20c dark green	3
	50c carmine rose	3
	1p red	4
	2p violet	5
	5p light blue	5
1900	1c red violet	
	2c vermilion	
	3c green	
	4c park olive	
	5c dark blue	
	6c carmine ro	
	10c purple	
	15c ultramari	
	20c brown	
	50c lake	
	1p yellow	
	2p salmon	
	5p black	
1901	2c on 1p yell	
	20c on 2p salm	
	10c on 5p blac	
	POSTAGE DUE STA	
	SURCH CORREOS	
1901	2c vermilion	
	5c dark blue	
	20c orange bro	
	30c dark green	
	50c lake	
	10c purple	
1900 issue	3 on 6c ros	
	4c on 6c rose	
	5c on 1p yello	
	10c on 2p salmo	
	1c on 2c vermi	
	20c on 5p black	
	POSTAGE DUE STA	
	SURCH CORREO	
1901	1c red violet	
	2c vermilion	
	5c dark blue	
	10c purple	
	20c orange bro	
	30 dark green	
	50c lake	
1902	5c blue [litho	
	5c carmine ['	
	10c violet ['	
	1c on 2c verm	
	15c on 2c verm	
	30c on 1c red v	
	6c on 10c viol	
	1p on 10c viol	
	5p on 10cviol	
1903	1c green & bl	
	2c red & blac	
	5c blue & bla	
	10c orange &	
	15c lake & bla	
	20c purple &	
	50c olive & bl	
	1p orange b	
	and black	
1904	1c on 2c vern	
	Vale c 5 on	
	violet	

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Vale c 15 on 10 violet 8
15 centavos on 10 viclet 10
5c on 10 violet 4
1c green 1
2c rose 1
3c violet 2
4c orange red 2
5c blue 1
6c slate 5
10c yellow brown 2
15c brown olive 3
20c claret 5
50c orange 8
1p black 20
2p green 35
5p violet 95
Vale 10 on 3 violet 5
" 15 on 1 green 4
" 20 on 5 blue 8
" 20 on 2 rose 8
" 50 on 6 slate 20
1c green 1
2c rose 1
4c orange red 2
5c on 4 orange red 3
Vale 10 on 2 rose 3

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1c orange 1
2c " 1
5c " 3
10c " 3
20c " 4
30c " 5
50c " 10
1c purple 1
2c " 1
5c " 3
10c " 3
20c " 8
30c " 8
50c " 8
1c blue green 1
2c " 1
5c " 3
10c " 4
20c " 8
30c " 8
50c " 10
1c carmine 1
2c " 1
5c " 3
10c " 5
20c " 6
50c " 8
1c red violet 2
2c vermilion 2
5c dark blue 2
10c purple 4
20c orange brown 6
30c dark green 8
50c lake 12

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1890 1c ultramarine 1
2c " 1
5c " 2
10c " 3
20c " 3
50c " 3
1p " 3
2p " 5
5p " 5
10p " 5
1891 1c green 1
2c " 1
5c " 2
10c " 2
20c " 3
50c " 3
1p " 5
2p " 5
5p " 6
10p " 6
1892 1c yellow brown 1
2c " 1
5c " 2
10c " 3
20c " 3
50c " 3
1p " 3
2p " 5
5p " 5
10p " 5
1893 1c slate 1
2c " 1
5c " 2
10c " 3
20c " 3
25c " 3
50c " 3
1p " 3
2p " 4
5p " 6
10p " 6
1894 1c orange 1
2c " 1
5c " 2
10c " 2
20c " 3
50c " 3
1p " 4
2p " 5
5p " 6
10p " 8
1895 1c green 1
2c " 1
5c " 2
10c " 2
20c " 3
50c " 3
1p " 4
2p " 5
5p " 6
10p " 8
1896 1c red 1
2c " 1
5c " 2
10c " 2
20c " 3
50c " 3
1p " 5
2p " 6
5p " 10
1897 1c red 1
2c " 1
5c " 2
10c " 2
20c " 3
50c " 3
1p " 4
2p " 6
5p " 10
1898 1c carmine 1
2c " 1
4c " 2
5c " 2
10c " 2
15c " 2
20c " 3
50c " 4
1p " 5
2p " 8
5p " 15
1899 1c gray green 1
2c bistre brown 1
4c lake 2
5c dark blue 2
10c brown yellow 2
15c chocolate 2
20c dark green 3
50c carmine rose 4
1p red 5
2p violet 7
5p light blue 10
1900 1c red violet 2
2c vermillion 2
4c dark olive 3
5c dark blue 3
10c purple 4
20c bistre brown 6
50c lake 8
1p ultramarine 15
2p brown orange 25
5p black 45
1903 30c on 20c brown 15
50c on 50c brown 25
1906 1c green 2
2c rose 2
5c blue 2
10c brown 3
20c orange 5
50c brown 10
1p claret 18
2p violet 25
5p slate 50
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1876 20c dark blue used	15	05
1892 50s brown "	05	02
" 1 yen carmine used.....	10	04
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10-2c " 1
10-3c " 20
10-4c " 8
10-5c " 8
10-6c " 30
10-8c " 12
10-10 " 10
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.10 " " "	.01	.02
.15 " " "	.15	.20
.20 " " "	.06	.08
.25 " " "	.01	.02
.30 " " "	.25	.30
.40 " " "	.20	.25
.50 " " "		.01
.60 " " "	.25	.30
.70 " " "	.20	.25
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2.00 " " "	.20	.25
2.50 " " "	.12	.15
3.00 " " "	.45	.50
3.50 " " "	1.25	2.00
5.00 " " "	.25	.30
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½c orange	$ .03
½c gray	.01
1c blue	.01
2c carmine	.01
3c blue	.01
4c rose	.01
5c lilac	.01
10c brown	.01
25c brown	.01
40c blue	.02
50c violet	.01
80c brown	.06
$ 1 00 green uncut	.01
3 00 brown "	.06
5 00 orange "	.10
10 00 black "	.20
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04 " " brown	30	40
05 " " orange	02	03
06 " " "	30	40
15 " " brown	15	20
30 " " orange	10	12
40 " " brown	25	30
60 " " orange	30	35
70 " " green	20	25
1 00 " " "	02	03
2 00 " " vermillion	15	20
2 50 " " claret	20	25
3 00 " " green	50	60
5 00 " " vermillion	25	30
10 00 " " green	1 25	1 50
20 00 " " orange	5 00	8 00

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	Violet	Green
1c black and green	$ 02	$ 02
2c " " "	04	04
3c " " "	10	20
4c " " "	05	10
5c " " "	1 50	2 00
6c " " "	60	60
10c " " "	3 75	1 00
50c " " "	10 00	12 50
1c green silk 2c watermarked		01
2c brown " 2c "		01
3c orange " 3c "		05
4c red "		06
4c red brown 3c		02
5c black $ 50		1 25
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6c violet		75

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⅛ green	1c
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⅜ orange	1c
⅝ blue	1c
1c green	1c
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1⅞ blue	3c
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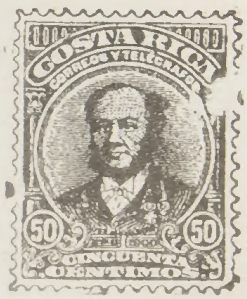
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MISS IDA MAY PAME whose portrait appears on the front cover of this magazine, was born in Worcester, Mass., Jan, 18, 1888 and attended the public schools of that city until her removal to Barrington, R. I., in 1903, graduating from the Barrington High School in 1906. For the past year she has been in the employ of the Florence Paper Co., Providence, R. I., as bookkeeper, and is Secretary of the Helen A. Gibson Library Association, 50 Exchange Place, Providence, R. I., where a cordial welcome is always extended to the WEST readers and every courtesy given visitors who have occasion to visit this enterprising and beautiful city of the smallest state in the Union.

B. F. EGAN of Indianapolis, Ind., is engaged in his favorite sport of canoeing, when not collecting stamps. Mr. Egan has collected stamps for from 15 to 20 years. As a general collector, he has 7000 varieties. He was Seceretay of the Indiana Philatelic Society for the years 1889 and 1900. Is now serving second term same office of present Indiana Society and is a member of all the leading philatelic societies

Mr. Egan is always pleased to have visiting collectors to Indianapolis call on him. See his ads in the WEST.

A CURIOUS STAMP by Frank L. Coes.

I found some time since in an old collection a peculiar stamp. After submitting it to Power, of S. Gibbons & Co,. New York. and several of my friends, and having failed to locate its birthplace or value, have had a cut made. The specifications of this stamp are: Color grey black; size to pef. 27x24 mm; Perf , 14; paper white, no wmk. Block is closely size of printed surface on the original. Can any reader give any information?

Notes by Dorpat

As the Stamp Collectors Fortnightly reports in full, Harold Treherne has been convicted for having dies in his possession for counterfeiting postage stamps. He was fined about $100.00. What makes the case most interesting is the fact that the stamps counterfeited were not stamps of Great Britain, in which case the punishment would undoubtedly have been more severe. but stamps of other countries.—Later the same party was sentenced to four months hard labor for trying to obtain money under false pretences by offering counterfeit stamps for sale He represented himself as being 21 years of age, while in fact he is over 23 It would be a boon to philately, if all like malefactors could be sent along with him.

No. 25 of the Globe Trotter, is at hand and shows again a strong increase of the C. C C. membership, numbers running up to 4918 now. The Stamp Sales Department under Mr. Van Tour's direction is in working order. The receipts fo 1907 were $3263.04. Dues are now $2 00 a year, but when the limit of 5000 members is reached it is proposed to raise the annual dues to $2.50. The illustrations in the present number are excellent as usual, even better than usual and the whole makeup is A No. 1.

The Stamps Sales Department of the Cosmopolitan Correspondence Club reports a very strong demand for sales books. and it appears that a heapy business will be done. There will be practically all stamps of the world represented, but new issues from out of the way countries at low prices will be a special feature.



St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society

President	Chester Myers
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Secretary	Geo. Wood, 3920 Maffitt Ave
Sales Supt. and Librarian	S. M. Schoeman
Auction Manager	H. A. Diamant
Entertainment Committee	F. N. Chase, Chairman
Recruiting Committee	Geo. Wood, Chairman

The seventy sixth regular meeting of this Society was held Tuesday, February 4th at the usual time and place. President Myers presiding. Owing to the very bad weather only twelve were present, but considering everything this was a good turn out. Members present were Baer, Chase, Delafield, Diamant, Millhouse, Myers, Ruedi, Schoeman, Sisson, Wood and two visitors, Anschuetz and Bain.

The Secretary read a communication from "Redfield's Weekly" explaining the reasons for the non appearance of the Society's reports in the new Official Journal; it is expected that everything will be satisfactory from now on. The Editor requested a write-up of the Society and its history which the Secretary was requested to compile at his convenience.

The President pointed out that by the election of Mr. Wood to the Secretaryship there was a vacancy on the Board of Governors to fill.

Mr. Diamant nominated S. M. Schoeman and Mr. Schoeman nominated F. N. Chase. The ballot taken showed the latter gentleman elected.

The Chairman of the Recruiting Committee reported that every member of the Society had been written to on the Membership boom and prospects looked bright.

The Chairman of the Emblem Committee submitted through the President a most beautiful and appropriate design which was agreed to.

The President appointed the following Membership Committee, Wallace Delafield, Jr., Chairman, W. A. Sisson, Adelbert Strauss.

The President announced that he intended giving a prize of $5 00 in stamps open to all old members and those who join before July Ist for most regular attendance, reckoned on the percentage basis.

The entertainment arranged by the Committee was a competition of Netherlands, there were five entries, the judges Messrs. Bain, Millhouse, and Schoeman were most painstaking and careful in their work and awarded the percentages as follows:—Delafield 90, Myers 85, Wood 78, Chase 73, Sisson 63, the closeness of the awards showing the excellence of the exhibits. The three prizes kindly donated by F. R. Cornwall were beauties valued respectively $7.50, $4 50 and $3 00. While the judging was proceeding Mr. Diamant did his best to work up some enthusiasm over some auction lots but only succeeded in disposing of two. Germany will be the next competition, held on March 3rd.

The members present were pleased to see one of the old time collectors who before the close of the meeting handed in his application for reinstatement. Mr. Walter Bain's collecting days date back for forty years, we shall appreciate his presence and great fund of information.

Application received—Walter Bain, 4045 Botanical Ave.—Proposed by F. N. Chase.

The seventy seventh regular meeting of this Society was held Tuesday, February 18th, at the usual time and place. President Myers in the chair.

Twelve members were present, Anscheutz, Bollman, Chase, Delafield, Diamant, Humes, Millhouse, Myers, Ruedi, Schellhorn, Sisson, Wood.

The Secretary read a letter received from Dr. H. A. Davis informing the Society that it had been placed on the Mailing List of the new "Stamp Journal" and the President instructed the Secretary to convey the thanks of the Society for this courtesy.

The applications of Messrs. Anschuetz and Bain were brought forward and they were declared elected.

The President brought up the question of prizes for the various contests to be held and requested that members should donate stamps to a Prize Fund to be held by the Entertainment Committee,he promised to hand over $15.00 worth himself and then outlined an excellent scheme of prizes according to entries which was very favorably considered. We have no doubt our President's example will be followed by all our active members.

Mr. Delafield had on exhibition a cover with three Cayman Island Provisionals on just received by himself from a correspondent, which aroused considerable interest and some rather envious glances.

Our Auction Manager had a little better success for his pains than at the last meeting. How strange it is that lots which should sell don't and vice-versa. Let us hope he won't get altogether discouraged.

Dr. Baer, the chairman of the Entertainment Committee, propounded a question on New Countries which,alas, found our 19th century cranks "wanting." Mr. Delafield captured the prize. Mr. Diamant then sprang a guessing contest of the total stamps issued by a number of countries, the results showed a wide divergence in the guesses,Mr Wood struck the happy medium and annexed the stamps. Finally the President—to add his quota—sprang a "Limerick" fixing competition—a la "Redfield's." This must have been the Secretary's lucky day for he was again declared winner much to his surprise

Next meeting will be held Tuesday March 3rd. The special feature will be a competition. Germany being the country. We trust there will be a big turn out of collections and collectors.

The following new applications were received—Fred G. Fuessel, Letter Carrier, 4417 Gibson Ave , proposed by J. H. Humes; H. T Haintz, Salesman, 409 Walnut St., proposed by Chester Myers; Lawrence W. Low, Letter Carrier, 4209 McRee Ave., proposed by J. H. Humes.

Mr. J. W. Scott on U. S. Stamps.—As an investment the stamps of the U. S. are the best proposition, and we advise our readers to be prepared for a big advance in prices. This does not refer to the high priced stamps, but a large number which are catalogued as if common. We could name at least ten low-priced stamps of which one hundred specimens could not be bought in the entire U. S. at full catalogue figures. Some are used, others unused. Years ago it was the practice of collectors to buy from one hundred to a thousand of the low values of each issue and set them outside to grow. Unfortunatley the only thing that increased was the interest charges. So many lost on Columbians that this sort of speculation fell into disfavor, with the result that there is a dearth of any set issues in unused condition. The few who invested in the St Louis series have done remarkably well, and the indications are that the Jamestown stamps will prove a good investment.—The Metropolitan Philateiist, 31, August 1907.

Notes for U. S. Collectors

By E. R. Aldrich

. The city name does not appear in the 1c perimt No. 25, used at Louisville Ky., by the distillery firm of Wright & Taylor, altho' it appears in connection with their ad on the face of the card.

Every adult American collector or those who years are approaching the vote making mark should be patriotic enought to join the American Philatelic Association.

A recent auction catalogue lists for sale specimens of the ½c Spanish War documentary stamp with double vertical rouletting. It has not been before catalogued.

From December 1, 1905 to August 1, 1906 nine new offices were established in Alaska—Baldwin, Chatham, Davidson, Diamond, Gakona, Howkan, Kantishna, Klinquan and Quinhagak. Of these two take the place of other offices, Howkan succeeding Jackson and Davidson formerly being Kugarak. Four offices were aboilshed during the same period Golovin whose mail now goes to Soloman, Kasaan (mail not to Ketchikan) Kuyak (mail now to Cutalla) and Mastodon (mail now to Cicle).

Mr. F. J. Hall reports finding the one cent 1907 envelope on manilla paper with the watermark of the 1849 issue.

For those who insist upon exact conditons of perfection a set of the 1857 issue was offered in Wolsieffer's 83rd sale which would comply with the ideals of the most exacting. Each stamp showed the entire hole of each perforation, portions of three of the surrounding stamps being attached, three other sets being thus damaged to enable the original owner to have this one set.

The eariler known precancelled stamps of Floral Park, N. Y , were sheet cancelled with two vertical wide bars, while the later ones are sheet cancelled with three horizontal bars of similar width.

An eastern dealer offers the complete set 1861 reissue at $125. These sets are seldom offered and this will undoubtedly be absorbed at very near the asked price. Collectors of entire envelopes may be interested with the following quotations taken from a recent list of offerings: 1894 issue 34 varieties in set face value 74 cents for $3.50. 1895 issue 73 varieties in set face value $1.54 for $5.50. 1899 issue 97 varieties ir set face value$ 22.00 for $10.00. 1900 issue 38 varieties in set face value 75 cents for $3 25. 1903 issue 63 varieties face value $1 30 for $2 50. The above series 305 varieties cataloging not far from $65.00 being offered for about twenty five dollars.

Another very interesting essay in S. G. M. J. is Mr. Harry J. Maguire's "William Dockwra and the London "Penny Post" of 1680." Read it!

The 49th monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms,1622 Masonic Temple Friday evening Feb. 7th, President Virgil M. Brand presidig. The following members were present: Messrs. Carey, W. F. Dunham, McDonald, Tracy, Brand, Simpson, Excell, Leon, Blumenschein, Merrill, Chester Dunham, Huber, Holmes, Baker, Forensen, Williams, Heisser and Green.

The resignations of Elmer S. Sears and Geo. Froelich were received and accepted. A communiction was read from T. Louis Comparette, Curator of the Mint Cabinet at Philadelphia, expressing his kindly regard for the Society and offering some valuable suggestions. Messrs. Marvin A. Barlow and J. de Lagerberg were elected to membership.

Mr. Williams read a paper on specializing, and Mr. Brand read a paper on the Pilgriim's Rest mint where the last of the official coins of the South African Republic were struck, and exhibited one of the pieces. Mr. Holmes showed English gold of the values from one-fourth to five guineas. Mr. W. F. Dunham exhibited the United States eagles from 1795 to 1804,all in superb condition.

The President installed in office J. B. Holmes, Vice President, H. F. Williams, Censor and W. H. McDonald, a member of the Executive Board for 1908, these gentlemen having been absent from the last meeting. The President appointed Messrs. Holmes, Excell and Sorensen as a Membership Committee for 1908. An informal auction of medals netted $5 83 for the binding fund.

The following magazines were received since last report: Numismatist and Mehl's Numismatic Monthly for Jan. and Feb.; Philatelic West, Spink's Numismatic Circular, Numismatischer Verkehr and Numismatische Correspondenz for January; a catalog of Green's 36th auction and a catalog with fixed prices from Majer.

A motion was carried authorizing the Censor and Executive Board to issue a bulletin before next meeting of not less than four pages

Adjourned to meet March 6th.

Ben G. Green, Secretary.

CURIO NOTES by G. A. Chandler.

In the January issue of the Philatelic West we note an article, in the "Curio Department", treating upon lithographic stone, which brings to our mind an important discovery made in Mitchell County, Iowa. For several years past much limestone had been taken from the quarries situated along the Cedar River and used for building purposes. Recently a man engaged in lithography stopped at the city of Osage, Iowa and looking over the quarries noticed that the stone was very similar to that used in his plant. He mentioned it to several of the business men of that place and they being interested in the subject sent a specimen to the State Geological Expert at Des Moines, who pronounced it equal, if not superior in quality,to that now imported from Germany, from which place most of our lithographic stone comes.

The authors attention was called to these quarries so he visited same, finding the quality superior to that used by himself and the quantity unlimited.

Southern Philatelic Association

OFFICERS FOR 1908.

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NEW MEMBERS

1. E. R. Wood, 610 W. 178th St., New York City.
2. Geo. W. Purcell, 309 Broadway. Pueblo, Colo.,
3. Ralph L. Mutz, 1026 5th Ave., Fort Dodge, Iowa.
4. Walter E. Goodwin, Dover, N. H.
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10. H. F. Hovey, Box 192 Imlay City, Mich.
11. Wm. V. Muller, c-o Merchant's Nat. Bank. Cincinnati, Ohio.

APPLICATIONS.

1. Chas. H. Smith, Smithton, Pa., stamp dealer, S. W. Fleck, W. H. Broom

2 K. Plympton, Laguna Beach, Calif, 49, stamp dealer, A. C. Stewart, A. P. A.

3. Robt. C. Miller, M. O. Dept. Des Moines, Iowa, 24, P. O. clerk, L. T. Brodstone. R. O. Blakely.

4. Wm. L Parker, Box 55, Route 24. Morgan Hill, Calif., 42, millman C. A. Dorsey, A. Parker.

5 Ira C Greene, Box 142, Leominster, Mass., 39, coal dealer, L. L. Dickerson, L. D. Mudgett.

6 Andrew J. Pietsch, 56 Reservoir St, Baltimore, Myd, Professor in Balt, City College, L T Brodstone, R.L. Doak.

7. G. B. Ryman, Fitzgerald, Ga., 16 Student, L L. Dickerson, W. F. Osborne

8. Iver R Johnson 1217 N. Rockwell St., Chicago, Ill., 32, traveling salesman, Charles Roemer, R. L. Doak.

9. B. S. Colburn, 215 Burns Ave., Detroit, Mich., 35, bridge builder, Charles Roemer, Walter Rummel.

10. Harry M. Lindsay, 1003 W North Ave., Baltimore, Myd., 32, stamp dealer, S. C. Davis, A. P. A.

11 P. M. Wolsieffer, 1011 North 5th Ave., Maywood, Ill., stamp auction specialist, L. L. Dickerson, A. P. A

12. John R. Beatty, Butte, Neb., 32, physician, H. S. Powell, F. A.

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13. Wm. H. Matthes, 818 21st St., Milwaukee, Wis., 45, reverend. F. H. Hoeck, H. S. Powell.

14. A. Yaremdji, 40, 41, 42, Tidjaret Han. Constantinople, Turkey, 42, stamp dealer, F. G. Fuessel, W. O. Wylie.

15. George Wood, 3920 Maffitt Ave., St. Louis Mo., 40, clerk, J. H. Humes, F. G. Fuessel.

16. Sam M. Schoemann, 4036 McPherson Ave., St. Louis, Mo., 37, clerk J. H. Humes, F. G. Fuessel.

17. Dr. Paul Paer, 1016 Biddle St., St. Louis, Mo., 54, physician, J. H Humes, F. G. Fuessel.

Suspended by Act of Trustees: No. 282, C. D. Fox, 250 W. 94th St., New York City, on complaint of Ben L. Fuller of Washington D. C. and L. T. Brodstone.

Dropped for non-payment of dues, Nos. 16, 174, 180, 264, 272, 274, 275, 281, 287, 297, 300, 303, 304, 308, 309, 314, and 315.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts—:

On hand last report	$17.24
Dues and fees to date Feb. 23rd	8.25
Total	$25.49

EXPENDITURES.

To WEST as official organ	$1.09
To printing 75 postal cards	1.25
To Secretary's postage	1.85
Total	$4.19
On hand	$21.30

Fraternally, R. L. Doak, Sec'y-Teras.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, Febr. 20th, 1908.

57 books in circulation as per last month's report, value	$1129.25
27 books received since, value	476.34
84 books, value	$1605.59
18 books retired during the month of which the amount of $49.43 was sold, value	190.00
66 books in circulation, value	$1415.59

INSURANCE FUND.

Amount on hand as per last month's report	$61.84
1 per cent from retired books	1.90
Total	$63.74

If members will let me know what class of stamps they most desire, I will try to arrange circuits, that will contain at least some of their wants. However requests to send nothing but stamps of certain specified kinds such as France and Colonies, Hawaiian Islands or Mexico, etc., I am unable to fulfill, as nearly all books I receive are general in character.

I am receiving many inquiries, how long books are out on circuit; to all those I wish to say that it takes about 2 months to complete a circuiit of 7 when everybody on it is prompt and on time. Books should be in the Department long enough to permit them to pass over 2 or 3 circuits before retirement. If a large per cent of stamps are sold before that time, they are

promptly retired. Therefore do not send in stamps if you think, that I can make returns in 4 or 6 weeks.

One word more Always use only the best kind of hinges in mounting stamps for circulation, that stamps do not drop off when leaves are turned. Also place amount stamps on one side of the pages, in spaces provided for them.

Respectfully submitted.

Charles Roemer, Superintendent.

The Georgia Stamp Club

BRANCH NO. 1 OF THE SOUTHERN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

The thirty sixth regular meeting of the Georiga Stamp Club was called to order at eight o'clock p. m. by President Davis.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The application of Mr. G. B. Ryman for membership, was accepted and forwarded to the Southern Philatelic Association.

Mr. L. L. Dickerson was appointed Auction Manager, by the President, to hold office until the next regular election. The first auction will occur on March 9th, 1908. All members are invited to send Mr. Dickerson the stamps which they wish to be sold, as soon as possibe.

Exchange Manager Dickerson made his report for the months of December and January

Books received Dec 20 to date $159 40. Books returned, $42.41. Books now in circulation $117.10.

Librarian reported the Library to be in good condition several new contributions having been received since last report.

Entertianment for the evening was ten questions propounded by Secretary Osborne, consisting of, questions on the appearance of stamps. Mr. L. L. Dickerson received the highest grade, 82 per cent. The others made close marks.

Mr. Dickerson exhibited a very fine collection of Turkey and Siam which was very much admired by all present.

The meeting adjourned to meet again at the uusal place, February 21st, 1908.

Very Respectfully,

W. F. Osborne Secy.

It is the invariable practice of Messrs. Whitfield King and Co., in putting out a new edition of their priced catalogue,to give certain stamp issues to date. This year they state that the total for all countries up to November 1st,1907,is 21,590, of which 6,661 belong to the British Empire and 14,929 to the rest of the world. Europe has issued 4,536 stamps, Asia 4,091, Africa 4,829, America 44,838, the West Indies 1,748, and Oceania 1,548. The total for Africa seems a big one for a continent that is even now only half opened up. Readers will understand, by the way these figures relate only to standard varieties of stamps, no minor varieties of perforating watermark, &c., being included.

Collectors of postage stamps will be interested in a sale which was to be held at London in January,at which a copy of the very scarce Post Office, Mauitius, one penny red stamp,beileved to be worth $5,000 was to be offered.

Fiscal Department

I have attempted to fill the part of Fiscal Editor of the WEST and I will be pleased to receive notes at any time of new issues and of variaties not catalogued of old issues and all such sent me will be noted here with proper credit. F. A. Brown, East Peru, Iowa. Lock Box 7.

To begin with I will take up "Dr K & Co." stamps again. A letter from Dr. Brooks to whom I referred last month gives some additions and corrections. He says that to his knowledge no stamps were issued bearing date of "7 8 '98" that being Sunday. He also says that he has both the 2c and 3c surch "7 12 '98" with both Gothic and Celtic types but that no 1c exists with date 7 12 98.

Dr. Brooks says he has a set similar to the A. K. set described last month—issued by "Myers Bros. Drug Co." of St. Louis. He does not give values but they are ⅛c and 5c I suppose.

I can add to my list of "Iowa Tax Tags" of last month, another variety. The Inscriptions are the same and printed in black except the value is printed in red "100 pounds". In this issue the first line under the Legend, Iowa, Feeding Stuffs Law., heavy, and 2 & 3 are light. In the first issue all three lines are the same. The second issue is slightly bolder faced tpye and across the string end of the tag reading up is Internat'l Tag Co., Chicago, in minute capitals.

Forbin L'Hostes' catalogue of Fiscals of the world is due about now on this side. It is of course in French but is finely illustrated. It does not come very high—90c I understand.

Morley's Philatelic Journal at the price 60c, is well nigh indispensble to the collector of Fiscals.

They are now running a catalogue of U. S. Mexico Central America. It commenced in the February 1905 and in the Nov. 1907 No., the last at hand, it finishes Mexico, gives Costa Rica and part of Gautemala

The S. Amer. Catalogue ran as a supplement from Feb. 1901 to Sept. 1904. In the meantime some of the many good things have been American Ficsals for the Phililpines, Nevada State Revenues, California State Revenues, Virginia State Revenues. U. S. Fiscals for the Phillipines. Indian Native State Fiscals, Dominican Republic Fiscals, Fiscals of Gautemala, Newspaper Tax Stps. of Gt. Br., Impressed Duty Stps. of Gt. Br. and Ireland, British Patent Medicine Stps., and many others, and every month a chronicle of New Issues and discoveries. If it is agreeable to Bro. Brodstone. I will from time to time give a catalogue of uncatalogued U. S. Revenues and I propose to take up 1st. Opium and then Tobacco.

Opium. a. Smoking Opium—1891—Band series of 1891 act of 1890—No's 1, 2 and 3. 4 8 16 oz black on green. b. Customs. 1891—Band, vessel in oval and place for indicaton in Mss the Post. 4. 5 Tails black. 5. ? Tails red.

Tobacco. Chewing Tobacco with the stamp printed on the wrapper. a Tin Foil wrapper 1868, 165x125, Stamp 65x34 Eagle and inscriptions. 1. ½oz blue. 1868 Effigy of Washington class 32 cents Stamp 67x38. 2, 1 oz gold. 1872 "Act of June 1872" in place of Class 32 cents. 3. 1oz gold. 4. 1 oz blue. 1875. The same without Act of June. 5. 1 oz gold. 6. 1oz blue 1875—Franklin "Series of 1875." 7. 1 oz gold. 8. 1 oz blue. 1879—The same without Series of 1875. 9. 1 oz gold. 10. 1 oz blue. 11. 1 oz red.

(To be continued.)

The Junior Stamp Club of Denver, Colorado

Organized Oct. 19, 1906.

OFFICERS

Honorary President, Dr. H. A. Davis	1622 Welton St
President, C M Snyder,	2825 Wyandotte St
Vice President, A L Nell	2558 W 32nd Ave
Secretary, V N Garreson	220 E 22nd Ave
Treasurer and Librarian, S Schwerzman	309 16th St
Exchange Manager, L C Nelson	309 16th St

Board of Trustees: S A McManus Chairman; L De La Vergne; J Cook

Meetings: First and Third Friday in each month. Dues: 50c per year, payable in advance. Official Organ: WEST.



MINUTES Feb. 8, 1908.

The 30th regular meeting of the J. S. C. of Denver was held Feb. 7th regular time in the office of the Denver Stamp Journal Publishing Co. 412 Nassau Bldg. With eight members and four visitors present the meeting was called to order with President Nell presiding. On account of the absence of Secy. Garretson, Mr. C M. Snyder acted in that capacity.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The following applicants were elected to full membership in the J S. C:

54. John S. Kramer, 2222 W. 32nd Ave., Denver Colo.
55. Fred Fellows 3159 Vallejo St., Denver, Colo.
56. Woodlief Brazier, 3233 Vallejo St., Denver, Colo.

The following applicants were received and by suspension of the regular laws were elected to full membership:

57. Oscar T. Hartman, 1925 Broadway St., Denver, Colo.
58. Bernard Nelson, 3725 Franklin St., Denver, Colo.

The following rules were passed by unanimous vote of the members present and are to be kept in strict obedience by all members under penalty of suspensoin

1. Rules of Exchange department must be followed out explicitly.
2. That an insurance fund be established and the money kept intact.
3. That Treasurer shall keep a separate account of insurance fund and keep the money on hand.

The following were elected to look over the insurance fund and turn same over to the treasuerr: J. C. Skinner, L. C. Nelson, V. N. Garretson, A. L. Nell.

It is also requested that treasurer make a report at next meeting and for the secretary to send him notice to that effect.

Owing to some members not paying for stamps received from the circuits at the specified time C. M. Snyder and J. C. Skinner were requested to get this money or recommend their dismissal from the club.

It was decided that regular contests be held so as to increase interest and to see how much is known or unknown about stamps. To this end the following committee was elected to provide for some entertainment at each meeting: O. T. Hartman Chairman, J. C. Skinner, C. M. Snyser.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p. m., to meet again on the 21st.

Yours fraternally, V. N. Garretson, Secy.

MINUTES Feb. 22, 1908.

The 31st regular meeting of the J. S. C. of Denver was held Feb. 21st,

regular time at 412 Nassau Bldg. With fourteen members and one visitor present, the meeting was called to order with Pres. Nell presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Committee on A. P. A. box made a report and it was decided to drop this contest and to award the prizes as they now stand. Lucky numbers will be anounced at next meetnig.

Resignation was received from Roger Williams, Gothenburg, Nebr. Same was accepted. Bill was received from Edwin Snyder for printing of letter heads,same was allowed and Secy. instructed to draw same from treasury.

Application was received from Clarence Jackson, 128 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Denver. Proposed by V. N. Garretson and guaranteed by Henry D. Jackson.

The semi annual report of the treasurer and secretary was received and accepted. Also J. C. Skinner made a report as to the standing of the exchange department. All were accepted.

The following members have been dropped for non-payment of dues: 9, B. L. Lantz; 10, E B. Snyder; 14, A. B. Bent; and 15, P. Roach Also the following members are requested to send in their dues for the year 1908 up ot Oct. 1st: 17, R. Lowell; 19, J. S. Davis; 21, A. Chappe, 22, R. Harris, 23. L. S. Runyon, and 24, W. Maderis. Total membership to date after the dropping of above members, Fifty.

The entertainment of the evening was furnished by the new committee and was to write the names of all the countries beginning with A as classified by Scott in his 1908 catalogue. The prize was a fine stamp cataloging $2 50, P. Kramer winning with 422 points and A. L. Nell second with 215 points and V. N. Garretson third, with 210 points Also V. N. Garretson furnished an entertainment in which A. L. Nell won first place, Robt. Jackson second place, and H. Starrett third place. Both of these contests to count in the final prize which will be awarded at some future date. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p. m. after a very enjoyable evening.

Yours fraternally, V. N. Garretson, Secy.

TROUBLE AMONG FRENCH COLLECTORS.

It appears that between the firms of Theodore Champion & Co. and Yvert & Tellier on the one side, and the Sciete Francaise de Timbrologie on the other there is war. The Societe claims that all the stamps of Abyssinia listed in the Catalogue Official are without exception absolutely false, and that the firm of Theodore Champion & Co, assisted by Yvert & Tellier is guilty of deceiving the Societe Francaise into believing for a time that these stamps were good. There are other charges of an ugly nature besides. What the accused have to say for defense, I have not yet been able to learn. It will be interesting though to see who will prove his assertions to the satisfaction of the rest of the philateilc world. Meanwhile the stamps of Abyssinia will probably be very cheap, and collectorrs who will take the risk of siding with Champion, Yerrt & Tellier will do well to buy now. Most likely the British and German papers will take up the matter, and then we may learn more. After writing the above, The Berliner Briefmarken Zeitung came to hand, and there in the Briefkasten Mr. Phil Kosack says the Abyssinian stamps in question are good, and the circular denouncing them as a fraudulent scheme. Reasons or proof are not given and so there is but one assertion against the other until now.--(Dorpat).

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To members C. P. S.:—

In connection with report of annual election placed before you last month I neglected to state that Mr. C. H. Goulden who was nominated for the office of Purchasing Agent voluntarily withdrew owing to the demands already upon his time in connection with his business—Mr. Goulden would have carried the office by eleven votes had he chosen to remain in the running.

I wish to express my thanks for the information and suggestions kindly offered by several members regarding new members—I hope to report several more applications next month.

The Sales Superintendent wishes to place before members the opportunities offered by his Department for disposing of your duplicates. Books may be had from any of the officials at a nominal price of 5c each. Why not send in a book or two?

No objection having been filed the following will kindly accept this as notice of their election to membership:

No. 151. T. E. Morgan, Delhi, Ont.

No. 152. Jos. A. Lachaine, St. Martin, Laval Co., Que.

The following application has been received:
Stephen Golder, The Leader, Regina Sask. proposed by Mr. A. Harold Brown and R. J. Mundell.

Yours truly R. J. Mundell, Secy.

Nebraska Philatelic Society.
Nebraska's Pride

ORGANIZED 1892. LARGEST STATE SOCIETY EXTANT.

President—E. H. Wilkinson,	Omaha, 210 So. 30th St.
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Muller of Pleasanton now has charge of the Sales Department and he wishes to hear from all members and readers who wish to make use of it.

New Members: R. M. Jones, Omaha, 522 Paxton Blk.; J. Harmon, Bx 162, Hay Springs; C. C. Cobb, York; W. Rouse, Bx 353 South Omaha; C. Magunson, Lexington; J. Baltz, Omaha 3808 Burt St.: G. H. Blakelslee, Eddyville.

Renewals:—W. C. Estes, Omaha, 2433 So. 20th; G. H. Mair, Broken Bow.

Applications: R. J. Herman, Lincoln, 1536 O St.; E. Nyrop, Doniphan, Bx 142; J. D. Grimes, Chambers; H. Hadorf, No. Platte; J. Bigger, Omaha, 2030 Miami St.; J. Cupida, Omaha 2779 S. 13th St.; Fred C. Smith, Grayson; R. E. Holmes, Montrose; M. L. Richel, McCook; W. Straley, Nelson.

All members should send at once to new Sales Supt to place books. Complaints have been made against D. Dollittle of Fremont—letters come back unclaimed. Does anyone know his present address.

LARGEST STAMP SOCIETY IN AMERICA

Stamp Collector's Protective Association of America

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 3, 1899.

President--- E. Chandlee, ... Roanoke, Va.
Vice-President, S. P. Hughes ..... Omaha, Neb
Secretary-Treasure---L. Brodstone, ... Superior, Neb
Sales Superintendent—Leon V. Cass, ... New Milford, Pen..
Auc. Manager---R. Williams ..... W. Roxbury, Mass.
Attorney---H. Swenson, ... Minneapolis, Minn.
Trustees---Wilkinson, Brown, Hopson, ... Omaha.
Official Organ, The WEST.

Claim has been made on Dan Dolittle of Fremont, Nebr., by Chandlee as letters come back undelivered. Does any reader know his present address? He has been a member of many if not all stamp societies. Also claim on Sioux Falls Stamp Co., Sioux Falls, S. Dak by R. C. Miller, Des Moines, Ia., We have not been able to get any reply from company.

The Cooperative Stamp Co., Canal Dover, Ohio, also seems to have left for parts unknown. They have or did have ads in most all stamp papers. Does anyone know the present address?

New Members:—G. B. Mair, Broken Bow, Nebr.; A. Maas, South River, Calif.; Samuel Vestey, Liverpool, England; J. D. Grimes, Chambers, Nebr.; E. John, Clear Lake, Utah; O. H. Edisor, Kenosha, Wis., 813 Park; A. Russel, Brooklyn, N. Y., 339 Fifth Ave.; R. H. Lindauer, Newkirk, Okla., Rfd 6; C. M. Rystad, Clifton, Tex., A. F. Anderson, Port Townsend, Wash., Bx 405; R. E. Holmes, Montrose, Nebr.; A. T. Nelson, Boise, Idaho, Bx 906.

We would be glad to hear of any way or new ideas as to how to get rid of frauds as we have both fraudulent dealers and collectors in this country. We are always pleased to get any new suggestion from our members

New Milford, Pa , Feb. 19th, 1908

Dear Fellow Members:—Since my last report I have received 22 books, net value $97.76 and retired 26 books, net value $80 79.

Sales have been good, 40 to 85 per cent being sold from most of the books. If you have stamps to sell remit for some sales books. Book for 60 stamps, 3c each. Books for 100 stamps, 5c each Many Bargains are being offered. Write me and I will put you on a trial circuit. You'll not regret it.

Fraternally Yours,
Leon V. Cass.

Mr. Phil Kosack is trying to obtain a statistic as to what collectors are collecting, and how. For instance, he wants to know who collects all countries used or unused, or both, and who collects one or a group of countries only, who collects entires used or unused. What albums, hinges, tags, journals, catalogues are used. How long one collects, how many stamps one has, and to what and now many societies one belongs. In fact, anything that may be of interest.—It is to be hoped, but hardly to be expected, that a great many collectors will furnish the desired information.

New Zealand has issued its 3 pence stamp in a smaller size, uniform with the 6 pence and the rest of the series. They have a new perforating machine there, which perforates 13½x14 in. clean cut and somewhat larger holes than was done by the old machnie.

The American Junior Philatelic Assoc'n

Organized May 20, 1907. Re-organized Jan. 6, 1908.

OFFICERS

President	John Champion, Coldwater, Mich.
Vice President	John Walker "
Sec'y-Treasurer	George Holbrook "
Librarian	John Walker "
Sales Supt.	John Champion "

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REPORT OF MEETING Jan, 6, 1908.

The twenty first regular meet of the A. J. P. A. was held at the home of John Champion. Last year's President called meeting to order Announcements as follows:—A campaign for new members from Jan. 6, 1908 to March 1, 1908.

It was moved and carried that Geo. T. Holbrook act as Secy, and Treas., for the year 1908.

John Champion was elected by ballot over John Walker and Geo. T. Holbrook for the office of President. A motion was made and carried that John Walker act as Vice President. Chas. Clarke was elected chairman of the Coldwater Stamp Club, Branch 1.

The members received entertainment from the host and adjourned at 8:45.

REPORT OF MEETING Jan. 20, 1908.

The twenty second regular meeting was held at home of Frank Tuttle. The President called meeting to order. The Secretary called the roll and every member and two visitors were present. Motion made and carried that we adourn. At the exhibition of British Colonies, the prizes were as follows:—1st prize Mr. John Walker: 2nd, Mr. Holbrook; 3rd, Mr. Tuttle; 4th Mr. Woodward; 5th, Mr. Clark, 6th, Mr. Wm. Walker. Adjourned 8:30.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Leslie Woodward.

Geo. T. Holbrook, Secy.

Redfield's Stamp Weeklly No 35 is a big one; it consists of 24 pages and covers. It speaks a word for general collecting versus speculation. We heartily agree with the editor, Mr. L. G. Quakenbush, that general collecting should precede specialism, but on the other hand it seems well to emphasize the fact that the two modes of collectng are not necessarily antagonistic. Like two brothers, they may peaceably live and thrive side by side. The greatest harm is done by trying to favor the one to the extent of banishing the other, while each given its right, they may cooperate. Where is the general collector who would not gladly sell his rare minor varieties for fancy prices to some specialist? And where is the specialist who would not gladly help his brother, the general collector, if by doing so he can improve his special hobby? It is the greatest mistake to try to make rules for everybody, to try to compel everybody to wear the same size of shoe!

In Spain fiscal stamps are gaining in favor among collectors, as Et Filatelico Espaniol testifies. It has a fine article on the history of these interesting stamps, which goes quite into detail giving illustrations not merely of the different stamp designs, but of the different types of each stamp as well. The October number treats alcohol stamps. Besides that it has an article on earliest Carlist stamps.

U. S. Permits for Sending 3d Class Matter Matter without Stamps, by Carl Longee

New Haven Conn	No 1	Type III	5c	N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R.
Augusta Maine	No 1	Type IV	1c	Giant Oxie Co
Portland Me.	No 3	IV	7c	?
Baltimore Md	No 36	IV	1c	Md Casuelty Ins Co
Boston Mass	No 2	I	1c	Perry Mason Co.
"	No 2	I	red 2c	"
"	No 2	IV	green 1c	"
"	No 2	IV	blue 2c	"
"	No 2	III	1c	"
"	No 2	IV	brown 1c	"
"	No 2	IV	1c	"
"	No 5	V	2c	Viscol Co
"	No 11	II	2c	Walker Stetson Co
"	No 34	I	1c	Jordan Marsh Co
Reading Mass	No 1	I	1c	C. S. Pratt
"	No 1 Post Card	IV	1c	C. S. Pratt
Salem Mass	No 3	I	1c	Baird North Co
Marblehead Mass	No 3	I	3c	J. J. H. Gregory & Sons
Boston Mass	No 194	IV	Purple 2c	Bowkers Fertelizer Co
	Same Double Impression.			
Detroit Mich	No 8	I	1c & 3c	D. M. Ferry
"	No 95	IV	1c	?
Minneapolis Minn	No 6	III	1c	McMillian Fur & Wool Co
Concord N. H	No 2	I	1c	P. O Bx No. 252
Passaic N. J	No 3	IV	1c	Ladies Home Journal
"	No 4	IV	1c	American Pub. Co.
Milwaukee Wis	No 26	IV	1c	?
"	No 69	IV	2c on 1c red on bl	Hamm'd Pub Co
Richmond Va	No 21	IV	green 1c	Duplex Pub Co
Corry Pa	No 8	IV	4c	Barlow Hardware Co
Columbus O	No 2	IV	purple 1c	The Farmers Digest
Philadelphia Pa	No 6	IV	5c	W. A. Burpee
"	No 46	II	red 5c	W. H. Maule
"	No 82	IV	1c	Henry Diston & Son
Lancaster Pa	No 2.	II	1c	Champion Blower Co
Williamsport Pa	No 6.	IV	purple 2c	?
Columbus Ohio	No 9	IV	3c	?
Cleveland "	No 67	IV	2c	Telephone Chronicle
Cincinnati "	No 93	IV	1c	J. M. Hanson
Buffalo N. Y.	No 83	IV	1c	The H-O Co
Brockport N. Y.	No 1c	I	1c	W. H. Moore Sub Agcy
Brooklyn N. Y	No 19	III	1c	S. H. Burns
Fulton N. Y.	No 1.	II	3c	Vag Wagenens(Seeds man)
New York N. Y.	No 10	IV	1 & 3c	Nat Cloak & Suit Co
"	No 77	III	1c	Fullor-Merideth & Co
"	No 90	IV	1c	A. L. Winser & Co
"	No 99	IV	1 & 8c	Seigal Cooper Co

New York N. Y.	No 257	Type IV	5 & 2c	Bellas Hess & Co
North Cohocton N. Y.	No 1	IV	1c	D. D. Cotteell Sub Agcy
Rome N. Y.	No 2	IV	1c	Rome Mfg Co
Rose Hill N. Y.	No 1	IV	1c	F. B. Mills (Envelope)
"	No 1	IV	red 2c	F. B. Mills (Wrapper)
Poughkeepsie N. Y.	No 1	I	1c	Eastman Journal
Hyde Park Vt	No 1	IV	1c	?
Lyndonville Vt	No 1	I	1c	Dairy Association Co
Albany Vt.	No 1	IV	1c	E. W. Eldridge & Co
Chicago Ill	No 53	IV	4c	Chicago Mail Order Co
"	No 138	I	1c	Folley & Co
Evansville Ind	No 3	IV	1c	Geo. L. Mesker & Co
Valparaiso Ind	No 1	I	1c	Dodges Inst of Teleg'y
"	No 1	III	1c	" " Envelope

Foreign Revenue Notes by O. C Hartman

Before taking up the subject of French revenue stamps I have to mention the new specialized catalog of France and its Colonies by Yvert & Teliler, from which I have gathered much data for my article.

Not only can you find postage stamps but also plate number, block of four, margin stamps, entries, savings bank stamp, cancellation of Alsace Lorraine through the Franco German war, the number of issue and date, essays, telegraph, telephone and finally revenue stamps. In all, a book full of information.

PART I. The Revenues of France.

A great many of the imperforate stamps are unofficially rulette which increases their value considerable.

1. Affiches. Under this name you find a class of tax which is generally applied to newspaper advertisements, circulars etc. They are attached to the paper and through the process of printing cancelled, so they bear generally a piece of some kind of letter or letters No scarce one among this kind. Value 5, 10, 15, and 20 centimes Issue 1872, 81, 83, 91. All stamps bear the word "Affiches."

2. Allumettes. A circular stamp design pelure or a very white paper. Values 1½c to 1fr. Also an assortment of bands, same values.

3 Bougies. All bands.

4. Cavtes a Jouer (playing cards) all bands. Previous to 1804 was an issue, no date given. Several designs for 1804 and then a jump to 1874 and 1904.

5. Chicosee. Circular stamp design 1871, also bands.

6. Cierges—Bands.

7. Connaissements (Frachtstempel in German.) Must be something like freight receipts. These are double stamps. One side bears the word "Connaissements" and the other "Estampille de Controle". If together they command a good deal higher price, but generally they are separate and are collected as such. Issues 1872, 75, 83, 92. Not scarce.

8. Copies Similar designs like above. Issues 1871, 81, 93. Common.

9. Dimension. Design of 1862 Crown of eagle. Come either typographed or lithographed.

The issue of 1864 without the surcharge common, but with it often quite rare. This surcharge consists of the word 'deux dixiemes en sus,'' in many styles, used thru the war time of 1870 71.

The issues of 1872, 81, 92 command no special attention.

10. Douanes (custom) 1897. 2 stamps only.

11. Effets de Commerce (commercial papers) 1860. Commerce seated above, eagle embossed below. All values in gray. Imp. close or wider margin, latter higher in price. From 5c to 10 fr. 1864 Head of the Emperor. Violet on white or yellow tinted paper Values in bred. Many errors of values.

1860 and 1864 surcharged in 1871 with Undrorten sus

1871 same design of 1864 but tax values doubled.

1872. Star in centeer Errors of FR instead of F after the franc values. Scarce.

The issues of 1871 and 72 surcharged with Demi doit en sus.

1874. New design. Two figures seated above. Blue on gray background, value below in oval with ornaments on side, bear same surcharge in carmine or vermillion.

1874. Same type, but without surcharge and value at bottom without oval and in heavy type.

1877. Same type but values in oval. All previous issues have been demonetized.

1879. Same type but values small and without oval.

1880. Same type, but values large and in a large oval.

(To be continued.)

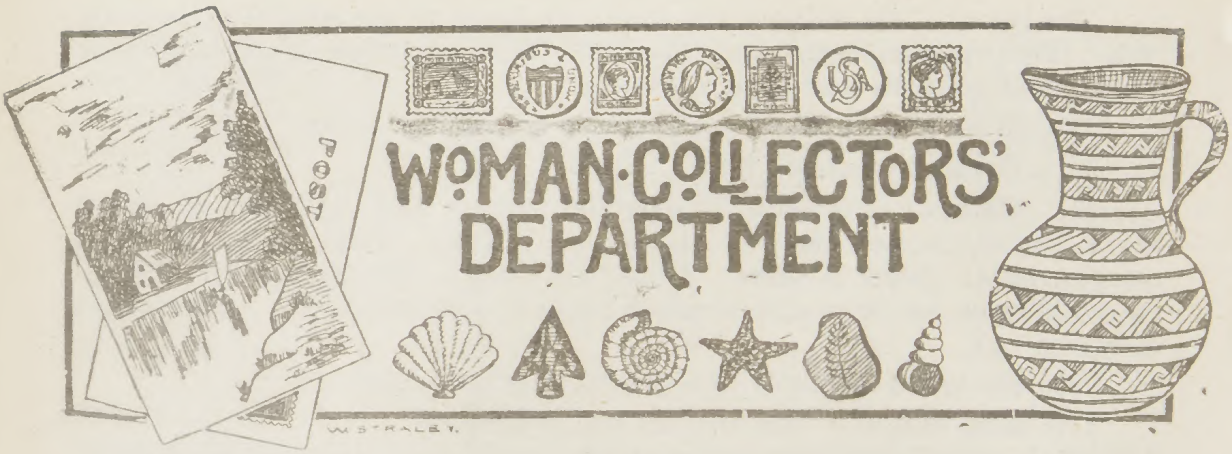
STAMPS WORTH $300,000.00.

Exhibition of Imperial Issues. In probably no other pursuit has the adage of the boy being father to the man been so strongly emphasized as in stamp collecting. When stamp collecting began it was a boys' hobby pure and simple. Then it captivated the parent, and now it is as much a hobby of the adult as of the boy But the youngster is reasserting himself; he has been making his influence felt where his seniors have feared to tread. The stamp trade, in which a vast amount of money is now invested, has had reason to bless the junior with his youthful optimism and daring enterprise

There have long been societies of grownup philatelists, but it was not until 1899, when, with the founding of the Junior Philatelic Society, a movement was set on foot for young collectors all over the world. Already the society has held two most successful exhibitions, the second being visited by over 11,000 people in two days. A third exhibition is now being arranged, and it is the intention of the promoters that it shall be one of the most important held in the history of stamp collecting.

The exhibition will be an imperial one, devoted entirely to the stamps of the British Colonies, and the total value of the exhibits will, it is beileved, exceed $300,000. Held in London next month.

In order to induce the general public to inquire into and taste the pleasures of stamp collecting no charge will be made for admission, while guides will be provided to explain the exhibits



Some Odd Hobbies

By Verna Weston Hanway

(American and English publications desiring an impartial review in this periodical will please forward specimen copy marked "For Review" to Miss Verna Weston Hanway, Lk Bx 8, Dallas, Pa.)

"There are more things in heaven and earth Horatio than are dreamt of in your philosophy," quoth a friend after reading the excerpt from a magazine clipping in a recent West, which stated that the Prince of Wales collected photographs and pictures of babies, e'en to the pictures in the advertisements of babies' foods.

This same friend indulges in an equally curious hobby,—that of collecting pipes once upon a time owned by famous personages, and a goodly collection it is. There are big pipes, and medium sized pipes, and wee little pipes. Pipes splendid, pipes graceful, pipes beautiful, pipes mediocre, pipes ugly, and pipes that do not look like pipes at all There is a branch, if branch it can be called, of this collection, consisting of cigarrettes partially smoked by ladies o' the stage. These are autographed, and a quite representative collection it is, altho' the writer confesses that even her collecting ardour stops short of an appreciation of this, deserving of appreciation as it may be.

To strollers along Broadway a certain young man of international fame is a marked and familiar figure. This young man is a renowned criminal lawyer, and few persons would credit that brusque personality with indulging in as odd and unique a hobby as even occupied the attention of a fanciful collector. I wish that I might give the name of this collector, but as in honor bound I will not divulge it, as promised "one who knows" who is saving it to use in the lawyer's memoir, as the "one who knows" is his literary executor.

The collection is one that would cause a boy of fourteen to blush, but it would send a girl of seven into ecstasies of rapture. Cases, which contain DOLLS line the walls of his den, and dolls have the right of way to the couches, chairs, hearthstone, and the floor! The collection is reported to be of much interest, and awakens admiration after one recovers from the shock of surprise. Dolls there are from every corner of the globe, representative of the types the wee little girl fondles the world 'round. There are several scores carved from wood that are rare and beautiful specimens of the art of

wood carving.

I heard some little time ago of a person who deserves in full the epithet, "biblimaniac," and the reader will admit that he ought to know how to play according to Hoyle. He collects only books that have been written concerning whist, which has a more extensive literature than one would imagine, and its all the same to this collector if it's written in English or in Hottentot.

Collectors hear every little while of persons with odd fancies for collecting menus, lottery ticket, handbills circulated at horse races, cigarette and cigar bands, and many others equally odd. Then there are collections so absolutely unique as to prove worthy of rank with the wildest fantasies of Jules Verne and Edgar Allen Poe.

The Collector of British Stamps by L. B. Jr.

The British Postoffice at Buenos Ayres.—

I will endeavor to enlighten the readers of this magazine with full particulars regarding the use of British stamps in this South American city, giving values employed, also plate numbers British stamps used in this port can be easily distinguished by the cancellation, ((B32)) with three horizontal bars below and three above.

Buenos Ayres is in all respects considered one of the finest cities in South America, the population being a little over 500,000. The British post office, for letter forwarded by English residents, was attached to the consulate, and was established here from 1862 to April 1878, the stamps of 1fr. to 5 shillings being used, the letter rate to England being 1 shilling per half oz. The following is a full list of values employed:

1860. 1 shilling green of 1857, no letters in corner.

1862. Small letters in corner (excepting 1p and 2p values. 1 p red, 2p blue, 6p lilac, 9p straw and 1 shilling green. The following plate No's are known: 1p, 140, 144, 150, 151, 156, 191; 2p 9, 6p. 4.

1865. Wmk Emblem (except 4p value). 4p orange vermillion, 6p lilac, 1 shilling green; The following plate No's are known: 4p. 11, 12; 6p 5.

1867. Wmk. Spray of Rose, except 5 shilling values) 3p carmine, 6p lilac, 6p violet, 9p straw, 10p red brown; 1 shilling green, 2 shilling blue, 5 shilling rose. The following plate No's. are known:—3p 5, 7; 6p. 6, 8,9,11; 1 shilling 4, 5, 6, 7: 2 shilling 1; 5 shilling 1.

1873. Wmk. Spray of roses. 3p rose. Plate No's known 5, 6.

The maiority of postoffices in South and Central America were established in 1860-65 and remained in existence until the countries in which they were situated joined the postal union.

Doubtless this article will help throw some new light on English stamps with foreign cancelation, and will endeavor to give the reader of the publication many interesting philatelic articles in the near future.

The Madrid Filatelist of last September has an article on postal museums and says: "Nothing can be more interesting or instructive to a philatelist than a postal museum." That is undoubtedly true, especially if the museum will contain a good stamp collection, as do the museums at Berlin, Berne, and Washington. Spain is to get one too, which is to be placed under the charge of D. Manuel Cerezedas in the new postal administration building now under contract.

Terry and George Washington

By W. S. Bradford

There was a tap at the door and Mr. Casey removing his feet from the table, then opening the door, was surprised to find his old friend Mr. Hooligan.

"Do come in wid ye, I am glad to give the honor to mesilf to have ye wid me"

Placing a chair for his guest and resting his feet on the table, Mr Casey resumed.

"Mike, me frind, its many the long day since I seen ye, what brings ye 'round now?"

"Oh begorra, bein' today's th' holiday there's no wor-ruk to be done,so we do be after restin' th' day."

"Right ye ar-re an' its a grand cilibration Th' Sons iv th' Rivolution ar-re havin' at th' Park. Th' sausage stuffin' German windjammers ar-re batin' th' divil out of th' drums an' bustin' the horns, first it's 'Down where th' Wurzburger flows' an' thin 'My country tis iv thee!" Tim O'Neil is making th' speech iv th' day an' its a grand occasion."

"But what th' divil is it all about?" inquired Mr. Hooligan.

"Gowan, ye unpathriotic son iv a washwoman, don't ye know that 'tis Washington's Birthday?"

"An' who is he," asked Mr. Hooligan.

"Mikey, Mikey, I do be after feelin' sorry f'r ye, Washington was first in war, second in peace an' third in th' hearts iv his counthry-men."

"Bring th' Stamp Alboom, Terry, me bye. "There ye ar-re,Mr. Hooligan th' image iv th' Father iv his counthry an' th' man who made th' two cint stamp what it is." "Wanst, it was just before Murphy died an' th' whole Counthry was in a slump an' goin' to th' bad an' not a man knew a thing to do whin wan mornin' th' Sicratery iv th' postoffis called up th' Prisidint, an' says, 'Pal, there's got to be somethin' doin',' he says, or I'll be domed if th' administhration don't fall into th' hands iv th' inimy an' th' counthry go to th' divil,' he says."

" 'Ye ar-re right,' th' Prisidint says, 'but what can we do,' he says."

" 'We must win th' gratitude iv th' people,' th' Sicratery says, 'we must rejuce th' price iv th' Washington stamp,' he says."

" 'Impossible,' th' Prisidint says, 'they ar-re mar-rked in plain figgers,' he 'says. an' it will hurt th' reputation iv th' firm,' he says."

" 'I have it,' says th' Sicratrey, 'we will make a two cint Washington,' he says."

" 'Good.' says th' Prisidint, 'only,' he says, 'make it red.' "

"Thin,Mr. Hooligan, such a wave iv pathriotism swept th' counthry as it had niver been swept before."

"As th' Poet says,

'Washington was a great man th' world ne'er seen his better,
He niver failed to get there by stickin' to th' letter'"

"Th' story iv his life reads like a book, Mikey, wanst whin he was a la-ad, he cut down his father's cherry tree, which th' ould man was savin' to put in his cocktails, an' there he was whin his father caught him, 'father I cannot tell a lie about it,' George says, 'I did it with my little hatchet,'

he says. Thin th' ould man says "George me bye, I seen ye from th' kitchen windy, an' niver tell a lie,' he says, 'whin it dont pay.' "

'Nixt, we see Washington in th' midst iv th' Injun war. A brave an' noble hero he was, layin' behind a sthump an' dealing death an' destruction to all who came in th' path iv his musket, whilst Gineral Brad[illegible]ck stood on th' burnin' deck. His wake was attinded be all th' glory i[illegible]ar."

"It was now daycided to start th' war iv th' Rivolution an' a tilegram to that effect was sint to th' King iv England. He immejitly sint an army equipped wid all th' requirements iv war, includin' a cargo iv liquid refreshments, siviteen newspaper correspondints, an' two cannon."

"Th' American Army was recruited from th' ranks iv th' collidge stugents an' farmers an ivery wan was braver than th' other wn."

" 'Who will take command?' was th' word that came ringin' down th' line. It was a momint iv awful suspinse. Thin Gineral Washington in his mild firm voice says, 'byes, I will take th' job,' he says."

"Whin in th' course iv human evints there comes a call to sthrike f'r th' eight hour day,' he says, 'or to resint th' oppression iv a fearless people, thin I am willin' to lead ye on to victory, an' in th' name iv th' American Army,' he says, 'give me liberty or give me death.' "

" 'Now byes,' he says, 'we ar re goin' to make a little history,' an' callin' th' correspondints; he went out an' had his photograft made 'crossin' th' Deleware.' "

"That, Mike, was before Hairyman stole th' C. & O."

"Thin followed sivin long years iv ivery kind iv hardship, part iv th' time th' soldjers not havin' a thing to drink, an' wanderin' in th' crool snow barefooted."

"Th' poet again remarks,

'Lives iv soljers oft remind us, fightin' battles as they go,
Diggin' sewers beats their leavin' bloody footprints in th' snow.

"Th' last great battle was pulled off at Yorktown, th' British correspondints bein' rejuced to five men, owin' to th' ravages iv hard drink. Gineral Cornwallis did not attind th' surrrenderin' exercises, as th' last case iv Tom an' Jerry was smashed be a bumshell durin' th' last fight an' he did not have a drop to cheer his droopin' spirits."

"Now th' war was over Whshington wint home to continue th' cultivatoin iv hog an' hominy, but he was ruthlessly dragged forth be th' hand iv th' pubic who wanted him to be king."

"Steppin' on a soap box, 'I cannot be king,' he says, 'there's not a crown big enough to fit me,' he says, but pleasin' yure desire I do hereby appoint mesilf Prisidint, in th' case an' manner made an' pervided,' he says."

"And wid that th' crowd wint wild, an' in th' excitement me Grandfather, Paddy Casey, (pace to his bones) who was runnin' a limorade stand, forgot to collect f'r three glasses, he told me himself."

"Pass th' alboom, Terry me bye, there Mikey is th' loikeness iv th' Father iv his Counthry, we find in on th' 2 cint, 3 cint, 6 cint, 10 cint, 12 cint, 24 cint an' 90 cint, scattered through th' regular issues from th' first to th' last.

Mr. Mansgold of Nelsprut, E. Trasvaal sent us one of his packets advertised in U. No. 2. Vol. 37 of the WEST. It is all he claims for it. He also has a stock of South African surcharged stamps of the Boer war.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



Questions relative to stamps will be answeres in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included beside the fee above provided for.

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We may now proceed to compare our "18 designs" as described in The West with Mr. Sterling's classification as given in his "Price Catalogue of the Revenue Stamp of the United States," issued 1888, pages 130 to 149.

First of all we must cut out our 4th design(which by a misprint in vol. 35, No. 3, of the WEST was called a third design), because it does not belong to the Civil War period, having been issued on occasion of the Spanish-American or Cuban war in 1898. It may be distinguished from all others by the twice repeated inscription "Documentary."

The 2 cents of 1866 to 1882 which were issued for bank checks, drafts, orders exceeding the sum of $20 at sight or demand, etc , Mr. Sterling divides into FOUR series to wit:

New York series with 8 designs (our 13th, 5th,6th, 1st, 8th, 2d,3d,14th, 15th, and 18th) Philadelphia Series with 4 designs (our 12th, 11th and 7th).

Boston Series with 2 designs (our 17th design).

St Louis Series with 1 design (with a likeness of he U. S. 2 cents copper coin).

Our 14th, 15th and 18th designs Mr. Sterling does not count as distinct designs, but include them as varieties of 3 others, namely our 13th, 6th, and 1st, of which in reality they are only modifications. Hence, we still want the description of 1 of the New York, 1 of the Philadelphia and 1 of the Boston Series.

Mr Sterling classifies as follows:

1866—New York Series A. (This is our 13th design) Large 2, rectangular stamp. Variety 1, made by the American Prototype Co., New York. Size 22x25 mm.

No.	1,	2c	blk,	white paper,	stamp at	lower r't corner,	price unsd	$1 00	used $.50
	2,		"	"		left "		$1.00	" $.50
	3,		blue	"	"	center "		1.00	" .50
	4,			"	"	right "		1.00	" .50
	5,			"	"	upper left corner "		1.00	" .50
	6,		white	"	"	"		1.00	" 50
	7,			"	"	right "		1.00	" .50

(How this No. 8 differs from No. 6, I fail to understand).

No.	9,	2c,	blue,	white paper,	stamp at	lower left	center price	unsd 2.50	used 1.50
	10,		carmine,	"	upper	corner, "		2 50	" 1.00
	11,		lemon,	"	lower	center, "		1 50	" 1.00
	12,		lilac,	"	"	"		2.50	" 1.50
	13,		orange,	"	"	"		1.50	" 1.00
	14,		deep orange,	"	"	"		1.50	" 1.00
	15,		pearl,	"	"	"		2.50	" 1.50
	16,		purple,	"	"	"		2 50	" 1.50

Variety 2, 1866, Stamp on both sides of document.

No. 17,2c, black white paper, stamp at lower center, price unsd 1.00 used 50

Variety 3, 1867. Our 14th design) Tapeworm stamp. Size 22x445 mm.

No. 18,2c,deep orange,stamp partly rep'ted 57 times,price unsd $1 00,used .50

1866—New York Series B. (Our 5th design). Eagle at bay.

Variety 1. Colored tablet, 29x4 mm., under stamp inscribed: "Good when issued for the payment of money." Stamp on both sides of paper. Siez 2x52 mm.

No. 19. 2c, orange, white paper, stamp in center, price unsd $ 25, used $.10

Variety 2 Same as last, but stamp on one side of paper only.

No. 20, 2c., lemon, white paper, stamp in center, price unsd $ 25, used $.10

21. " orange " " .25, " .10

22. " deep orange " " .25 " .10

Variety 3. Inscription on colored tablet: "Good only for checks and drafts payable at sight."

No. 23, 2c, orange, white paper, stamp in center, price unused $.50 used $.

24, " deep orange, " " .50, " .20

Variety 4. Inscription on tablet same as last, only in larger letters.

No. 25, 2c, orange, white paper in larger letters price unused 1.00 used .50

Varriety 5. Same as 1st variety, but without tablet and on one sid of paper only. Size 29x47 mm. White and various patent surface colored papers.

No. 26,	2c, black,	stamp at right,	price unused	$1.00 used	$.50
27	" "	left	"	1.00 "	.50
28.	intense black	" right,	"	1 00 "	.50
29	" "	left	"	1.00 "	.50
30.	blue	" right	"	.50 "	.25
31.	" "	left	"	.50 "	.25
32.	indigo blue	" right	"	.50 "	.25
33.	" "	left	"	.50 "	.25
34.	brown	right	"	1.00 "	.50
35.	" "	left	"	1.00 "	.50
36.	bronze	" right	"	.50 "	.15
37.	light brown	center	"	1.00 "	.50
38.	carmine	right	"	1.00 "	50
39.	" "	left	"	1.00 "	50.
40.	" "	center	"	1.00 "	.50
41.	green	right	"	1.00 "	.50
42.	" "	left	"	1.00 "	.50
43.	" "	center	"	1.00 "	.50
44.	deep green	right	"	1.00 "	.50
45.	" "	left	"	1.00 "	.50
46.	" "	center	"	1.00 "	.50
47.	olive green	"	"	1.00 "	50
48.	gold	right	"	.50 "	.25
49.	" "	left	"	.50 "	.25
50.	" "	center	"	.50 "	.25
51.	lake	right	"	1.00 "	.50
52.	" "	left	"	1.00 "	.50
53.	lemon	center	"	.25 "	.10
54.	" "	right	"	.15 "	.05
55.	orange	"	"	.15 "	.05
56.	" "	left	"	.25 "	.10

No. 57. 2c. orange stamp at center, price unused $ $.15 used .05
58. " deep orange " right " .15 " .05
59 " " " left " .25 " .05
60. " " " center " 1 50 " .05
61. " pink " center " 1.50 " .50
62. " purple " right " 1.00 " .50
63. " " " left " 1.00 " .50
64. " " " center " 1.00 " .50
65 " puce " right " 1.50 " .75
66. " " " left " 1.50 " .75
67. " red " right " 1 00 " .50
68. " " " left " 1.00 " .50
69. " slate " right " 1.50 " .75
70. " violet " " " 1.00 " .50
71. " " " center " 1 00 " .50
72. " " " center " 1.00 " .50

Variety 6. Same as variety 4, but with extra stamp on reverse and without tablet. White paper Issued in 1865

73. 2c orange stamp in center price unused $ 25 used .10
74 " deep orange " " .25 " .10

Variety 7. Same as variety 5, but with card of the American Photo type Co in oblong frame. White paper. Size 58x43 mm.

75. 2c orange stamp at upper left, price unused $1 50 used $.50
76. " purple " " 2.00 " 1 00

Variety 8. Same as variety 4 with words in band below eagle "Sample" instead of "Two." Nos 77 to 81, price $ 50 each. Said to have appeared in 1865.

1867--New York Series C. One variety only. Design of the adhesive stamp. Head of Washington in center; at top, U. S. Inter. Rev.; at base, U. S. Inter. Rev.; at left side, Two; at right side, Cents; above and below, in circle (2), at corners. Size 19x24 mm. Rectangular. Not yet described in WEST.)

No. 82. 2c, deep orange, price unused $5.00 used $2.50

1870—New York Series D. (Same as 6th design).

Variety 1. On white and various colored fancy papers, stamp in center.

No. 83. 2c, brown price unused $.50 used $.25
84. " bronze " 50. " .25
85. " buff " .15 " .05
86. " crimson " 1.00 " .50
87. " lemon " .25 " 10
88. " orange " .15 " .05
89. " deep orange " .15 " .05
90. " pink " 1.00 " .50

Variety 2. Same as last, with the addition of two lines at lower right of stamp, on document. Nos. 91 to 93. Price 15 to 50 cents each.

Variety 3. Same as last, only the clause is at lower left of stamp and reads "Good only for Sight Draft." Nos. 94 to 97 price 20 to 75 cents each.

Variety 4. Same as variety 2, but legend reads "Good only for Receipt of Mney paid." Nos. 98 and 99, each 25 cents used 50 cents unused.

Variety 5. Same as variety 1, but with legend at base of stamp in one

line, reading "Good when issued for the payment of money."
No. 100. 2 ct. orange, white paper price unused $.50 used $.25

Variety 6. Same, but stamp appears on both sides of document and the legend is parted and arranged in colored tablets "Good when issued for the" at left and "payment of money" at right of stamp.
No. 101, 2c, orange, white paper, price unused $.50 used $.25

Variety 7. Same, but legend in straight band across lower part of stamp. No. 102 price unused $2.00, used $1.00.

Variety 8. Same, but legend is divided in three sections across lower part of stamp and reads "Good" at left circle; "only for Bank" in circle; "Check" at right of circle. No. 103, price $2. and $1.00 (This is our 15th design)

Variety 9, is a sample check inscribed "Invalid for actual use," price $1.00.

1872—New York Series E. (Same as 1st design)

Variety 1. Issued on face of checks in center: also on reverse of check and on blank sheets. Plain white and various fancy papers. Nos. 105 to 109 in brown, buff, lemon, orange and deep orange, price 5 cents to $1.00.

Variety 1 a. Tom Thumb Checks, or Pocket Checks, Nos. 110 to 112.

Variety 2. (This is our 18th design) No. 113, price $1.00 and $.50.

Variety 3. Same as variety 1, but legend added outside the stamp in two lines at lower left "Good only for sight draft."

No. 114. 2c orange, white paper. Price $1.00 and $.50.

Vaiety 4. Sample check inscribed "Invaiid for actual use".

Variety 5. Oddity, portions of stamp showing at top and bottom of check.

1872—New York Series F. (Same as our 8th design).

Varieties 1, 2 and 3. Nos. 117 to to 123, price 5 cents to 50 cents each.

1875—New York Series G. (Same as our 2d design)

Varieties 1 2 and 3, Nos 124 to 128, price 5 cents to 50 cents each.

(Varieties 2 and 3 of F and G are nothing but sample checks or oddiies, but there is a variety of colors and papers, as in some other letters before, which Mr. Sterling has not numbered. By counting these a good many more numbers may be added).

1875—New York Series H. (Our 3d design, diamond). Made by the American Graphic Co., New York. On white and various fancy colored papers.

Variety 1. With imprint of the Graphic Co. No. 129 price $.50 and $.25.

Variety 2. Without the imprint. Nos. 130 to 133, price 2 cents to 15 cents.

Variety 3. Sample Check.

1869—Philaeldelphia Series I. (Same as our 12th design). Made by Joseph R. Carpenter of Philadelphia, Pa. Flying eagle in fancy circle.

Variety 1. No legend outside of stamp. Nos. 135 to 138 price 5 to 50 cents.

Variety 2. With legend at left and right of stamp. No's 139 to 141, 50 cents to $1.00.

1872—Philadelphia Series J. (Same as our 11th design)

Variety 1. No legend outside of stamp. No's 142 to 147, price 25c to $1.

Variety 2. With Legend. No's 148 and 149, price 50c to $2.00.

Beginners' Department--Peru

By L. G. Dorpat

(Continued from last issue.)

In this connection it may be stated that in the same volume of the same paper beginning on page 118 there is a long list of remainders of stamps from all parts of the world. In regard to Reprints of Peruvian stamps I have not found anything, and I think there are none, except those mentioned above which were made for actual use thereby assuming the nature of re issues. About reprints of other countries' stamps see vol IX, "Philatelic Journal of America."

Postage due stamps have been mentioned. Such were issued for Peru in 1874,5 values, 1, 5, 10, 20, and 50c. They also received the surcharges as the other stamps. In 1899 the 5 and 10 sales appeared in uniformity with the regular postage stamps of the same values. Since then there are several provisionals made by surcharging, remarkable among which are 5 and 1 centavos on 10 sales, showing that the 10s. stamps were not much needed.

Mr. A. W. Dunning of Newton, Mass.—by the way a member of the best American Philatelic Societies and a philatelist of wide foreign connections—was so kind as to send me a copy of the beautiful new 5 centavos Peru. It belongs to a full set described in the Chronicle of New issues in Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News. With it Mr. Dunning also sends a 12 centavo stamp surcharged in red "DOS Centavos." This latter stamp was, without surcharge, issued in 1905. Both are printed in two colors, blue border and black center. The borders of the other values are, of course,in other colors. The centers represent monuments and structures of note and help to bring modern Peru into higher estimation. showing, as they do, that even that country is beginning to advance.

Prescott's Conquest of Peru can be had from The David B. Clarkson Co., Como Block, Chicago, Ills , for 56 cents to $2.50 according to edition. It is worth reading and studying to anyone.

Finally we must notice a series of postal packet stamps, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50c issued in 1897. The design is a large numeral with "Porte de Conduccion" above and "centavos" below. The border consists of the figures 1 for the 1c, 2 for the 2 and 5c, and 10 (with small ornaments) for the 10, 20 and 50 centavos within two pairs of straight lines. At the time of their issue it was said that they should be soon replaced by a more elaborately engraved series, but so far this has not made its appearance. They come in sheets of 10,two vertical rows of 5 each,perforated only between the stamps, so that none are found perforated n all sides. The perforation is 12.

Stamped envelopes Senf's lists 25, 15 of which are made by surcharge. Of the regular ones there are varieties of paper though, and there are different sizes. Wrappers there are 7, one of which is a local for Lima the stamp on it consisting of the arms of Lima with "Correos del Peru" above and "Un centavo" below. Postal Cards there are 55 including many provisionals of which there are many subvarieties making a total list of nearly 100. Letter cards there are 3.

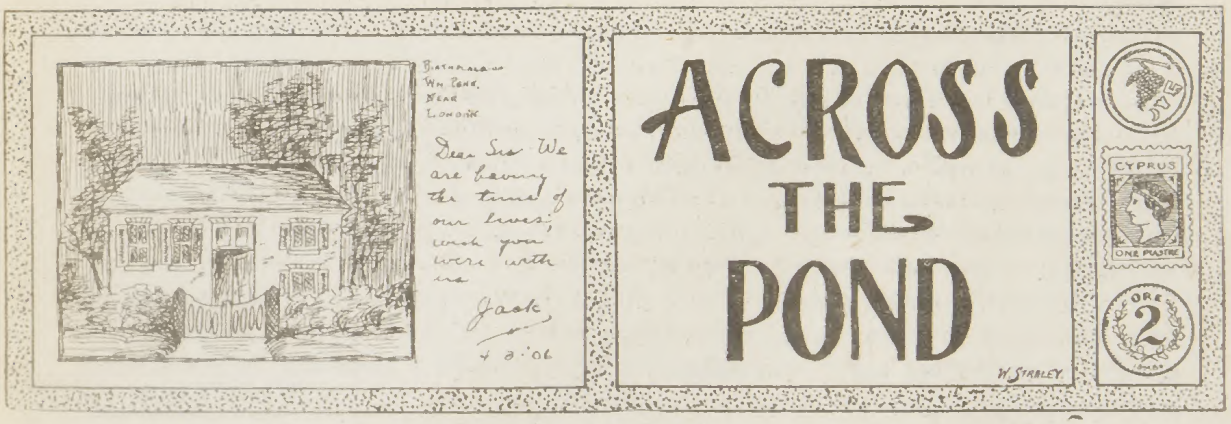
As a whole, especially if one can free himself from surcharged stamps, the stamps of Peru are interesting, pretty and not unreasonably high in

price, and deserve the attention of American collectors. At Lima there is a Philatelic Society which has done a good deal in trying to settle facts in connection with stamps and to publish official documents relating to them. Still there are many points that remain dark and anyone who may be so inclined may exercise himself in original researches. The Peruvian government seems to have understood that it gets many a sol from stamp collectors and seems to be willing to listen to them and to give them any available information. Let us hope they may abstain from speculation.

The next country we shall take up for consideration is Boilvia which once belonged to Peru, being some times called "Upper Peru". There we shall not encounter many surcharges, which simplifies matters considerably and makes collecting so much more pleasant.

BOLIVIA.

The tract now occupied by the republic of this name was originally part of Peru or the old Inca empire. Under Spanish rule it was incorporated into the vice-royalty of Rio de la Plata under the name Charcas. The greater part of Bolivia (named thus in honor of General Bolivar) is a mountainous and elevated country, more particularly at its western and central parts; but toward the east it becomes much less so, and at length terminates in extensive plains (Pampas), which are bounded on the east by Brazil. Western Boiilva is the highest and most mountainous country of the whole western Hemisphere. Here we find the the Illimain 21,300 feet high, the volcano Sahama 23,000 feet high and the Sorata 248.00 feet high. About the climate I may best quote the Britannica verbally. It says: "Bolivia lies, as has been noticed, for the most part within the tropical zone; but from its peculiar formation, its climate and productions are dependent rather upon the elevation of different parts of the land than upon its geographical situation. In descending from the highest region of snow and ice to the low plains of rich tropical vegetation several zones or stages are distingished. The name Puna brava is given to the uppermost mountain regions which rise above 12,500 feet to the snow limit; these are scarcely inhabited by man, and are characterized by mosses and hardier grasses,—the animal kingdom being represented by the vicuna, guanaco lama, alpaca, viscacha, chinchilla, besides the condor and other birds of prey. The region between an elevation of 11,000 feet and the lower Puna brava is termed the Puna; less cold than the former, it is suited for the growth of potatoes, barley, and rush-like grasses, upon which sheep, lamas, vicunas, etc., may feed. This division embraces the whole of the high plains of Bolivia, which are but scantily peopled or cultivated. Several species of cactus are found in these elevated regions, and especially the Cactus peruvianus, which sometimes grow to a heighth of from 20 to 30 or even 40 feet, and is serviceable for many purposes. Under the general name Cabezera de Vale arle are grouped the heads of the valleys descending to the lower lands, between 9,500 and 11,000 feet in elevation, where the climate is temperate. These cultivable districts produce wheat, maize, and the ordinary vegetables. The Valle or Eledio Younga is the general name of the deeper portions of the valley between 9,500 and 5,000 feet, with warm climate, affording field and garden fruits in abundance. The Younga, listly, is the low tropical region, comprising all beneath 5,000 feet, and producing all kinds of tropical fruits and vegetation." Potosi, a city built at an elevation of about 13,500 feet has a very changeable climate that in one day it frequently exhibits the vicissitudes of the four seasons of the year."



Some Curious and Interesting Postmarks

By W. H. C. Liverpool

On looking over a catalogue for rare stamps advertised for sale recently I see one item which has a special interest for me. as a postmark collector, and only goes to prove what I said in my last contribution that the postmark had a mission to fulfill. But the item—it reads: Great Britain—6 penny black stamps all on pieces of entire, with perfect postmarks for the last 6 months of the year 1840. That is the first 6 months of the stamp issuing year,—now what would be the value of the stamps without the postmarks, you may ask?

It has been said,that the postoffice clerk or stamper has no soul or conscience to save the interests of stamp collectors and I might add, postmark collectors are at stake. Judging by the foul treatment that many missives receive at his hands, and I think Uncle Sam and John Bull are the biggest sinners in this respect. Take the farmer (United States) look up some of the first issued stamps from this county. They are obliterated by a real out and out obliterator, formed by using pieces of cork, or natures own, a finger end,and by way of an aside or diversion,a splendid collection of finger prints could be gotteu together, whilst in the latter country (Great Britain) the home of stamps and philately, it looks, judging by the appearnace of many early penny reds, that the P. O. clerks had been short of something to do. At all events the supply of ink was never restricted, and in the finger end example, it might be that the obliterator, like the proverbial stage putty Knife Dagger was lost for the time being and nature came to the rescue. Who knows?

Early postmarks were very simple in design, somewhat neat in appearance for the period,and fairly clear in the impress; but the obliterators were vile. It seemed as if anything would do,until Great Britain commenced the town number system of obliteration, which we must admit, was somewhat smart for the days of 1841. But running as it did alphabetically,it stood to disadvantage when new towns sprung into existence, or new offices for stamping, sorting and posting were opened some inconvenience was occasioned.

These obliterators remain today the same as originally issued in 1841, but with many small place of those days—it is now different, and they have only recently aspired or received promotion to the dign.ty or position of sorting and stamping offices; and consequently have had to be pushed in some-

where,or provided with a control number and letter. Thus we get the spice of life—variety, with a vengeance.

Of the British New Guinea stamps overprinted "Paupua," it appears there has been a second edition with the new name of the colony surcharged in smaller characters Only the ½d. and 4d. of this series have been seen up to the moment of writing,but presumably we are to have the whole series in both styles. Meantime it will be interesting to give the following quantities stated to have been overprinted of the first series—i. e.,with the larger surcharge:—½d 29,190, 4d. 8,100, 1d. 480,606, 6d, 11,550, 2d. 70,170, 1s. 13,590, 2½d 25,230, 2s. 6d. 13,410. If ahything here is to achieve any degree of rarity it must obviously be the fourpenny value.

Notes From Europe by J. C. Auf Der Heide, S. H. D., Amsterdam

Since my last notes to the WEST were sent the "de Ruytter" surcharged postage due stamps have been reprinted and the set which sold some weeks ago at 15 to 20 dollars, is now to be had at the postoffice again for fl 2.3f or not yet one dollar, complete ! ! ! The rush is over and there will be enough for a good time to come

The new pictorial set of postage stamps for the Austrian Hungary Monarchy has appeared. The set is published in commemoration of the reign, during 60 years, of the Emperor Franz Yosef.

Romania will have a set of new stamps again. No Commemoration,Jubilee, Charity,—but real plain, straight-forward stamps, bearing a new portrait of King Coral. This issue is a real necessity and fulfills a long felt want ! !

It is told by some papers that "false" surcharged de Ruyter dues exist, though till today no copy has come before my eyes The rumor came from Rotterdam, but may be an advertising trick.

The sale of the Dutch tubuculose label remainders seems not to be profitable. Every three weeks a new offer of this ugly stamp set is sent to most dealers and collectors without success!

A railway station only for postal purposes will be built in Berlin. Posts are about 2½ million marks. It promises to become the finest postal-railway station in existence. All mail received at the Auhalter and Botsdemer Bahnhof, will be sorted there from the trains, which enter the building on 2 sides. Yearly alone 30 millions postal parcels are received here! A special room is destined for the great amount of parcels with flowers,daily received from the south, Italy, etc.

Bavaria wants a new set of postage stamps. Mks 3500 premium is promised for the best design which is adopted. The Bavarians will not yet use the German imperial postage stamps!

Messrs. Bridger & Kay of Fleet Street, London, J. C. have published a new catalogue of fiscal,telegraph and revenue stamps of the British Colonies. The excellent book is compiled by Mr. A. B. Kay member of the aforesaid firm. The price is 60c.

A paper that is steadily coming to the front is "Der Deutsche Philatelist," published in Hanover, Germany. The first number for 1900,has 24 pp. of advertising. The subscription price is only 40 cents (American) per year.

No collector with a philatelic library should miss it.

It seems time that both American and general papers were right in supposing last fall,that interest in postage stamps would rise this season. Judging from the advertising that is made,deals that are settled, as well as from my own experience I have to say, that the results have surpassed my expectations. These last 5 years there has not been a season of so much profit to the stamp dealer.

The publication of a dutch philatelic paper, coming out twice a week is in preparation. As a German contemporary says, "Copy enough, but Subscribers?"

That quaint language, "Esperanto" comes more and more to the front. A great many philatelic papers,especially those printed in one of the Roman tongues, have some columns devoted to the study of it. It seems that "Esperanto" will have more results than former essays as Volopuh etc.

The collection of Book plates or Ex Libris, as those pretty bits of paper more generally are known, is not important in the Lower Countries, but in Germany is all the more important. Almost every person of some knowledge and standing has his own bookplate. A great many artistic booklets come from Spain and Italy. Those collectors who are interested in the collecting of Bookplates I can serve with information.

The Peruvian Llama by Fancher L. Miller

No doubt all collectors of Peruvian stamps are familiar with the picture of the llama which appears on them. The llama first appeared on the stamps of the issue of 1858 and since then it has appeared on several issues up to 1898.

The llama is only found in the Andes mountains of South America and is most plentiful in Peru. In color it is either all white, or spotted with brown or black, or all black. They are very hardy animals, surefooted and will travel with a pack up and down steep and dangerous slopes at the rate of fifteen miles a day. They are related to the camel and, like them can go four or five days without water.

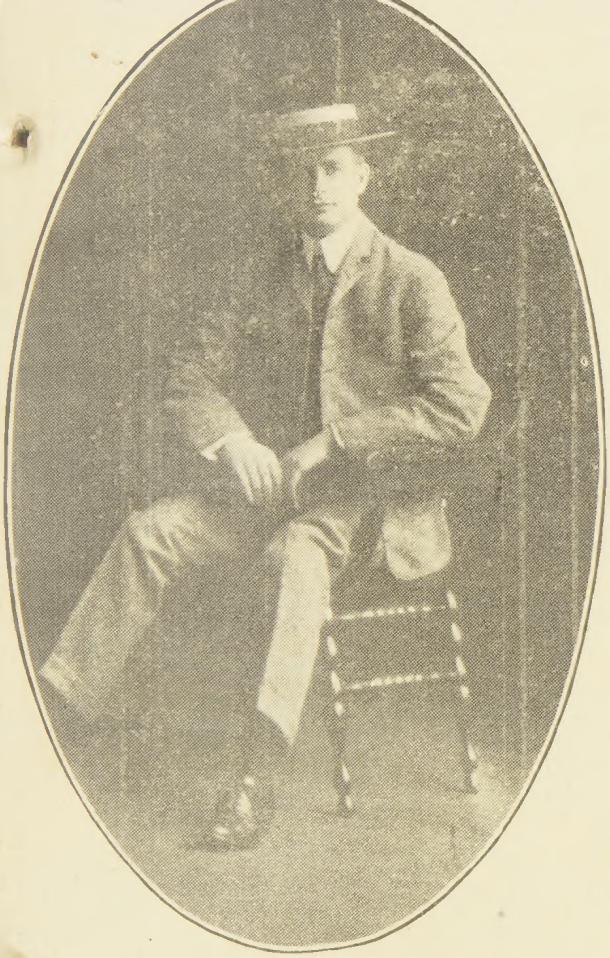
Before the Spaniards came to Peru the llama was the only beast of burden the natives had and to them it was as the horse, ox, goat and sheep are to the people of this country.

The pack of the llama usually weighs one hundred pounds and when they get tired they lie down and if their masters try to urge them on again by beating or by pulling them they often discharge a very disagreeable liquid in their masters' faces through their teeth.

Besides being used as a beast of burden in place of an ox or a horse,their wool is long and silky and is very valuable for weaving.

Thus we see why the llama, on account of its great and various uses to all Peruvians, is given such a prominent place on the Peruvian coat of arms and on their stamps.

It is said that the postmaster general Meyer,has ordered the view cards, 40,000 to 60,000 a day, that arrive at the dead letter office in Washington,D. C. to be turned over to the orphan asylums and other children's institutions. What are the little ones going to do with such a deluge of view cards?



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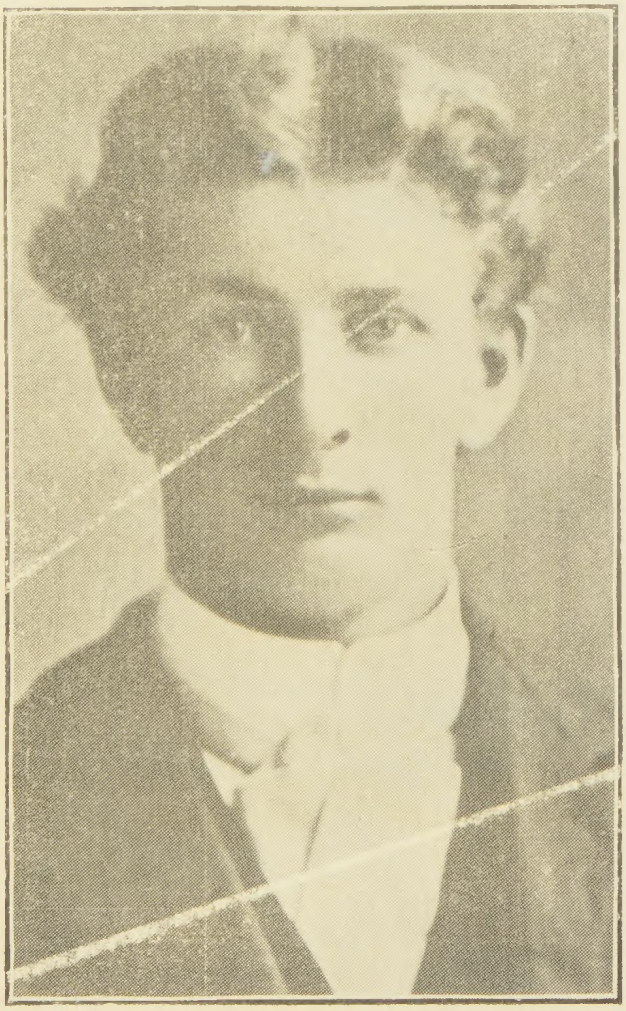


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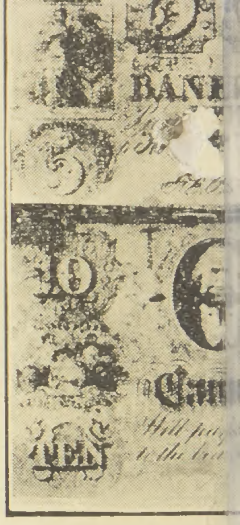
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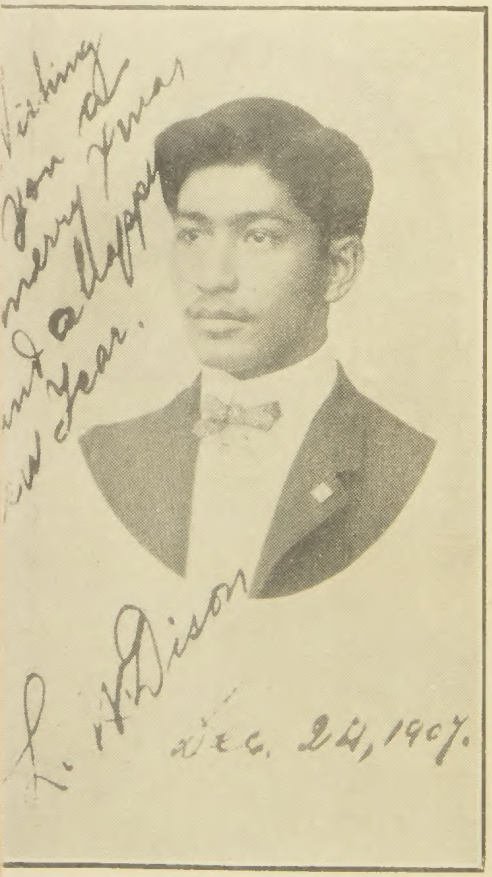




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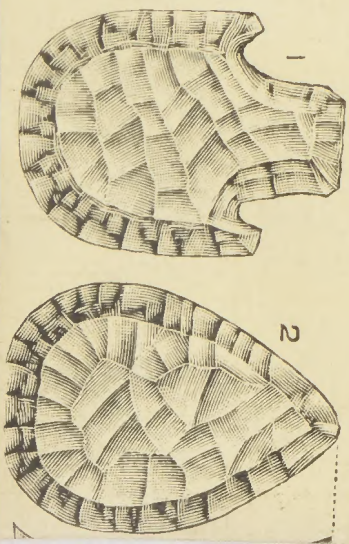


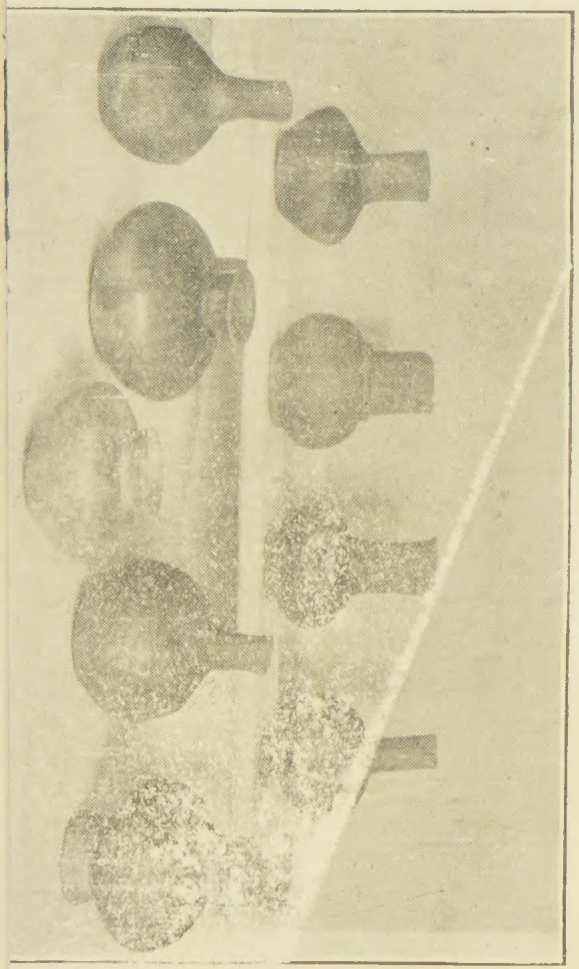
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EDITOR S NOTE. The editor of this department would like to receive papers, magazines books, etc. dealing with the subjects of Archeology and Conchology for review; also would appreciate clippings or accounts of discoveries along the lines of Indian relics and shells. Proper credit will be given. Address, W. Straley, Comanche, Texas

Frank Overton, 670 West Main Street, Watertown, N. Y. kindly gives the following description of a unique pearl in his possession: "The pearl has the appearance of a human head, it has been the subject of much comment by many gem experts who have seen it, as it recalled to them the Michael Angelo pearl, which has a fancied resemblance to the great artist whose name it bears."

Stuart C. Way, Waterbury, Conn., writes concerning a few finds made in the vicinity of Woodmont, Conn., of shell arrowheads. (He inclosed a specimen, which shows excellent workmanship). He says that the arrow heads found near his home are composed of white quartz, though a few have been found of flint. A soapstone bowl, finely finished was also among his finds. Mr. Way began collecting about a year ago, and now has about 500 specimens in his collection.

The following from E. S. Byington, a civil engineer of Lockesburg, Ark., concerning some Indian mounds in the vicinity of the above mentioned town will be of interest to WEST readers: There are a number of salt spring about nine miles southeast of this place and near the west bank of the Saline river. Near the east bank, and a mile north is located one of the largest Indian mounds in this vicinity. This mound is about 450 feet long north and south, and 75 feet wide near the north end, and about 25 feet high; the top and outer edges drawing to a point at each end Upon a recent visit to the salt springs we found a number of small mounds near by, some of them evidently residence mounds; others were built entirely of ashes and broken potters. Several hundred yards of cubic ashes are piled near the springs. Specimens of the potters show the pots to have been originally 30 ot 36 inches across the top—could not determine the depths. Among the ashes are numerous flints, pieces of bones, oyster shells and charcoal. Evidence points to the fact that the Mound Builders or Indians lived here a long time and made salt. Question, Is this pre-Columbian? Did the Mound Builders, Indians or both, know the value of salt? In conclusion, will say, these springs were operated during the civil war, but the kilns are separate and distinct from the older Indian workings. Will be glad to hear from any of your readers interested."

Leather View Card Pillows is the latest stunt.

MINERALOGY



EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles, etc to this Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive Mont. will be answered as far as possible in this dept.—Forest Gaines]

Lignite in Abundance

(Continued from last issue.)

About the middle of August the state geoglogist, Dr. Leonard organized a second party, consisting of himself and two university students J. W. Bliss and W. J. Smith, which extended the work into southern Billings county and the adjacent parts of Bowman county, under the auspices of the state geological survey. The expenses of the other party were paid by the government, although the state survey receives the benefit of the information gathered during the field work. But it was found desirable to extend the investigations beyond the restricted area covered by the United States geological survey and therefore the second party was outfitted and followed up the little Missouri to Little Beaver creek in Bowman county.

In the vicinity of Medora and elsewhere large numbers of beautifully preserved fossil leaves were collected and on Little Beaver creek a great variety of marine shells were found. These fossils will add mateially to the collection of the geological survey at the university. A trip was also made to the top of Sentinel Butte, where many fine fossil fish were obtained from the chalky limestone forming its summit.

Near Sand creek postoffice, in southern Billings county, there are several conspicuous buttes, inciuding the chalk buttes, which are formed of strata different from those occuring elsewhere in the state. The formation is almost pure white and is composed of 3800 feet of calcareous clay, sand and a curious conglomerate containing pebbles of many kinds of volcanic rock which must have been brought hundreds of miles from the Rocky mountain region. It was in these beds, which are the youngest of any in North Dakota, that Earl Douglass of the Carnegie Museum of Pittsburg, several years ago found the bones of the three-toed horse and the rhinosceros. While the party this summer did not find many bones in these buttes, they ran into a den of rattlesnakes which furnished an abundance of excitement for a time.

Near the extreme southern edge of the Billings county a discovery of much importance was made in finding what is known in geology as an unconformity. At the line of contact of the upper and lower formations, the lower and older strata were seen to have undergone erosion before the younger beds were deposited upon them after the lapse of centuries. The finding

of this break in the geological record throws new light on the history of the region and explains the absence of the Laramie formation, which for many years has been thought to occur in the state.

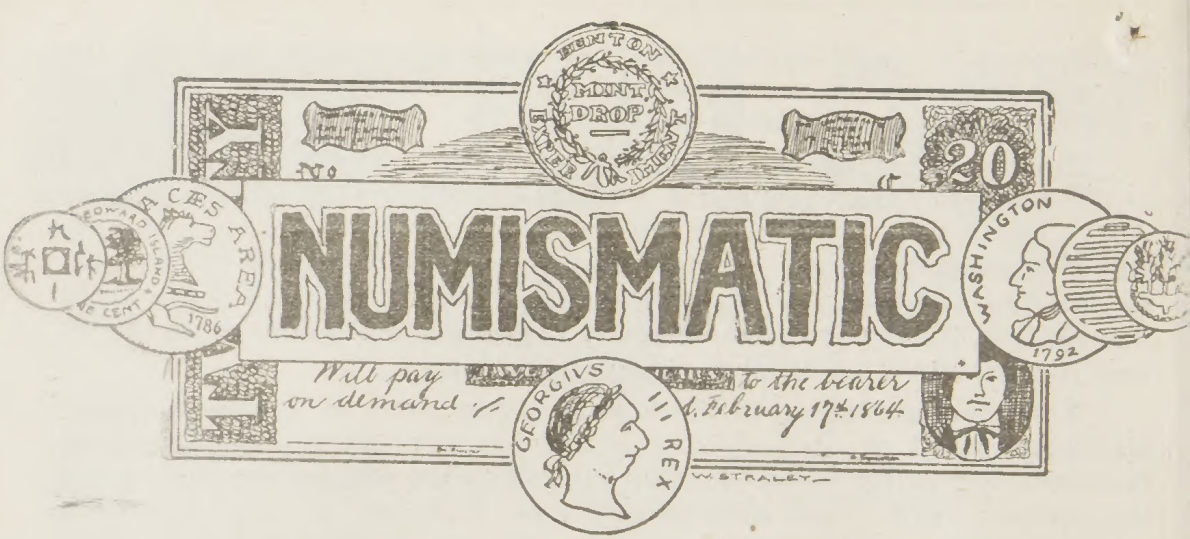
The rush of settlers to the western part of the state during the last year or two has been remarkable and in many places the rancher is having to give way to the farmer. In districts where a short time ago it was possible to ride in any direction over the trackless prairie, one now has to follow the section lines and keep between wire fences. From the top of a high butte like Sentinel Butte, the houses and cultivated fields of the newcomers can be seen in every direction as far as the eye can reach.

This rapid settlement of the country is due partly to the new Chicago, Milwaukee and & St. Paul railroad which crosses the southwestern corner of the state, and partly to the plentiful rainfall in the western counties during the past few years. The moisture has been sufficient for the growth of splendid crops. One harvesting machine was seen in Bowman county which had been hauled from Dickinson, a distance of 100 miles, and threshing outfits are now not uncommon in Billings, Bowman and Hettinger counties.

The state geological survey also did some work in Cavalier county, where V. J Melsted of the University carefully located and mapped the distribution of the formation containing the cement rock, which outcrops along the streams in the Pembina mountains.

A good deal could be said on the subject of why people will go on buying postcards, but I think I have said enough to show you that I have at least reasonable grounds for believing that the prospects of the post card trade for 1908 are quite as good as could be expected. The pubilshers, I know, are preparing for a good year; many active brains and gifted pencils are at work thinking and designing ever new and ever more interesting subjects for and series of postcards. Almost before you have settled up your Christmas card accounts their travellers will be preparing to call on you and show you, at any rate the advance lines for the new year's goods, and as the summer season approaches I do not doubt but that you will be inundated with offers of such novel and pleasing stuff that you will find it hard to refuse the bait, and indeed may be tempted to lay in too large a stock But even as I have urged you not to be pessimistic about postcards, so now I would caution you against being over sanguine. If I may borrow an expression from the Yankees, I would paraphrase it and say "Buy early and often." By this I mean buy a little of every good line offered you that is appropriate to your shop and neighborhood. Do not order heavy stocks, but rather repeat your order from time to time as you find a particular line going off well. By this means, with a little thought and a little attention to the subject, you will certainly find in picture postcards a pleasing and decidedly profitable side line. In this way it lies largely with you to ensure and make good my prophecy that the postcard season of 1908 will be a very prosperous one for all concerned — From an English paper.

There is one clergyman on Long Island who has made the collection of church post cards his hobby, and he proudly boasts that he can show pictures of over half the Episcopal churches in the country, in addition to hundreds of other denominations.



OLD COINS OF AMERICA

The necessity of coin, as a medium of trade, was felt in America at an early period after the settlement of the country. The wampum of the Indians was used by the white settlers of Massachuetts to a considerable extent at first. Wampum seems to be a primitive form of money, unlike that of any other part of the world. The value of gold depends upon its scarcity, and of silver as well. Sheep and cattle were worth more or less as they served the purposes of men for food or labor; but wampum is the result of labor only, and its value seems to be only the value of so many hours' work of a man's hands. It consisted of strings of white shell, a valueless article itself, except as it had cost time and labor to make it on the seashores of New England.

Is there not a lesson in this North American Indian Medium of circulation, which, in a more civilized nation, and a later period, we may turn with some degree of respect, Are we not arriving at an age of the world when gold is becoming very plentiful—when its proportionate value to other metals is vastly decreasing, and when some new standard of value will be necessary? Have we not already arrived at an age when the true standard of value is labor? It is worth thinking of, to say the least.

The earliest coin known to have been struck for American circulation was a piece of brass since called the Somers Islands piece. The Bermudas were discovered in the sixteenth century, but afterward named the Somers Islands from Sir Geo. Somers, who was wrecked there in the early part of the seventeenth century. There is extant in England a specimen of a coin with a hog on one side and a rude ship on the other. The legend is "Somers Islands XII". The coin has no date. Not many specimens are extant. The coin is of little interest to us, not being continental.

The first coins strictly North American were the New England coinage of the Massachusetts mint, in 1652. First came the New England coins of one shilling and sixpence. They were rude silver pieces characteristic of the early colonial settlements.

They were followed by the well know Pine tree coins, which were issued in great quantities and variety, and formed the chief article of circulation in

New England for nearly a century.

Doubtless some readers are familiar with an anecdote of John Hull, the contractor for the Massachusetts mint, who coined the Pinetree money. This has appeared in various shapes, the most romantic being that, when his daughter was married to Samuel Sewall, he gave her, for dowry, the Pine tree shillings which equaled her own weight, she being placed in one side of the scales and the shillings poured in the other, the wedding day being selected for the trial. If the girl was of modern mould we might think a hundred pounds a fair light weight, and the dowry would not then seem large, for a hundred pounds of silver were not then worth much more than $1600.00 and the girl was not worth much if that were all her value. $1600.00 is a very different weight from the $150,000 which, in several articles and works ha been placed as the weight of the dowry. The authors should have counted before "lumping" the young lady in such style, and making her weigh nearly ten thousand pounds!

Hull recieved one shilling out of every twenty he coined for his labor and expenses. It was a great grist that was brought to his mill, and this was a toll in silver which made him in time one of the richest men in the colony.

The New England coins were easily counterfeited or clipped, and hence the immediate change to pine or oak tree pattern.

Of these there were several dies. The trees were according to the fancy of the artist, and hence we have one known as the shrub shilling, and others as before named. They differed also in size and in weight: the coinage was in fact, very crude, and yet it served all the purposes of a young nation. The coinage was continued for thirty-three or four years, the date, 1652, being never changed on the coins. The two-pence piece was not issued till 1662, and always afterward bore the date.

There was as yet no copper coinage in America. In 1694 a token made its appearance in England bearing on one side an elephant and on the other the legend "God Preserve London" Where or by whom it was issued does not now appear, and it remains probable that it was a tradesman, issue or to serve for change. The device however, caught some one's eye, who thought it a basis of good colonial speculation, and two coins or tokens shortly after made their appearance in New England and the Caroilnas. They do not seem to have gone extensively in circulation, and certainly failed to supply the wants of the colonie which now began to be pressing for copper money, but their appeals to the government were vain till 1749 when ten tons of copper money were exported to Massachusetts.

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At London saleiooms an old Irish gilt potato ring has just been sold for $15 which was remarkably cheap considering that had it been sterling silver of the same period hall-marked, it would have fetched at least $500, such rings being very scarce. At the same sale silver presentation trowels seemed to be at discount, for two very handsome ones sold for $3.50 and $3 75 each respectively.

Old Chinese lac furniture sells well, a small red lac cabinet cabinet sold for $65, and three red lac chairs to match for $4 each.

THE SUN BASKET. Concluded from last issue.—Courtesy Western Field.

Near the headwaters of Russian river, at Potter Valley, is a mound of red earth built by the Pomas to celebrate the feast of the sacrament. Sun offerings of bright colored feather baskets are made, the Yukis decorating theirs with ground abalone pendants that add richly to the brilliant setting, every touch of sunlight bringing out a new light in the nacre of the shell.

Modern California specimens show a variety of feathers of different birds —the green head of the mallard, the golden oriole, the Spanish robin and the jay, each contributing with its own beautiful plumage an added hue.

Though just restrictions should be placed upon the slaughter of the innocents for such a purpose, it can be said in favor of the Indian that he uses judgment in the number and kind of birds that he shoots, and most of the baskets are made from the coats of edible or destructive kinds. Most of the pattern baskets are simply dotted at intervals with beads and feathers, and these are truly the most artistic—being found in the shape of bowls, boats and cones. When wrought for beauty alone, they are called "jewell baskets" and have figures expressive of sentiment or tradition. Favorites among these are the hoofs of the running deer, of the standing deer, the rattlesnake, the mountain brook, and the wind.

A rare and sometimes misinterpreted sign is that known as the "flame pattern," symbolizing the death fire at cremation. This is similar to the Wa sho design, the departing spirit of life. In it there is indication among the savages of a belief in immortality. Sad to relate, in their baskets this significant figure has barely survived the custom of burning the body in a funreal pyre built upon the hilltops, and is sacred to seasons of mourning.

For use and strength the different weaves are unsurpassed, in fact they are carried to perfection by Poma weavers—the cone basket for carrying burdens, the pinole bowls for cooking and for dishes, acorn gatherers large and small, and grain vessels for storage of the winter supplies. Few variations from regular types occur. The shu-set is the oldset twine weave. Of ornamental baskets the bamshibu, called three stick, takes the lead. It is the foundation weave of most solid feather work; bamtush is stronger, coarser material of the fibre of grape vine, making a dark cream ground with horizontal bands of cucis, the red-bud tree known as mountain birch. This comes to perfection after the fall rains when its color is brightest, only the root bark being used. A typical old stitch is the tsai, or one stick, delicate and graceful of plain pattern in black and white, sometimes profusely interlaid wth quail tips. The tee is an anomaly, a double faced texture with the firmness and consistency of cloth. Most of the foundation material is willow-rod and sedge root, stained brown or black for the pattern by burying in mud or hot ashes.

I watched the Poma woman at her work. The method was so simple it seemed like the following of an intuition rather than of an art, deftly, coiling, weaving, twining. Besides her fingers she used a basin of water and an awl, the one to keep the root pliable, and other to hold it in place. With bits of broken glass she scraped the thread, sometimes smoothing the rough places by drawing the weft between the teeth with patience that amounts to a passion. Winter finds her sitting on the floor of her farmhouse, summer out in a cu, that is a dwelilng made of any kind of arborescense that she prefers, and it is her custom to hang the jewelled treasures when finished about the doorway at sunrise as a peace offering to the great life-giving spirit, Yu, the sun.

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February 15th, 1908.

NOTICE.

After our report is completed each month, it is carefully gone over and all mistakes are corrected before it is transmitted to the printer for publication.

We realize that ow'ng to the diversity and oddness of the names and addressses and other items which we publish, it is almost impossible to have anything set up correct to the letter.

THE UNION desires therefore to ask the pardon and endurance of those whose names or addresses, are,or will be, sometimes incorrectly printed. It is our desire to have our reports correct in every detail,but we cannot assume

the responsibility for typographical errors.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Commencing at once a new system goes into effect regarding the manner in which credit will be given on the Roll of Honor.

Under the old system, only one point was allowed in any one month, regardless of the number of members secured in the month.

Under the new system, one point will be given for each new member secured, so that it is now possible for a member to obtain a large number of points to his credit within a short time.

Representatives will also be allowed a place on the Roll of Honor, whereas under the former system they were barred out.

Members whose names have been published on the Roll of Honor in the past, one or more times, have been credited with one point for each time their names have so appeared. Below are the members who have secured one or more members during the month just past:

		Previous Pts.	New Pts.	Total Pts.
710.	P. Narasimha Char		1	1
916.	L. W. Dison	1	20	21
1135	T. G. Griffin		6	6
1264.	R. T. Purdy		1	1
1290.	Geo. G. Dimick	1	1	2
1305.	Leon Northcutt		1	1
1311.	W. L. Ahrens	1	1	2
1319.	Gilbert Cmpbell		1	1
1336.	Fred A. Anderson	1	1	2

We will also publish each month the names of the five leaders and their standing. This month they are:

		Points to date
916.	L. W. Dison	21
903.	Arnaldo Ghisla	13
868.	Mrs. John Hoffman	7
486.	Dr. W. P. Taylor	6
1135.	T. G. Griffin	6

ALEX WEATHERWAX.

For the third time since the organization of THE UNION, death has entered into our ranks and deprived us of further fellowship with some kind brother.

With sincere regret we anounce that Member No. 1193, Mr. Alex Weatherwax. passed away at his home 1591 Bushwick Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y., January 20th, last; and we trust the following lines will convey a message of comfort to those who knew and loved him best:

"We shall sleep, but not forever, there will be a glorious dawn;
We shall meet to part—no never on the resurrection morn."

WHY NOT?

Has THE UNION a Representative in your state or country? If not; why not! Will you kindly help us in our endeavors to accomplish this end? Why not be a booster for THE UNION in your state or country? Let us,

hear about it.

FOREIGN PHRASES.

In order to comply with a manifold request on the part of our members and to facilitate their desire with reference to exchange in foreign countries based upon the language of the country, we are pleased to publish a list of the commonest expressions in the English, French, German and Spanish languages, the translation of which we owe to member No. 134, Carlo Zeimet, 170 Williams St., New York, N. Y., who as foreign correspondent in the above mentioned languages is in journal practice of the same, and whom we are pleased to announce is a recent member of our association. Next month we shall publish Italian and Portugese transla ions

Mr. Zeimet, whom we understand is an ardent and conscientious card exchanger, has tendered us his services in the interest of the club, which services we will be pleased to accept and we have no doubt but that we will be able with his assistance to satisfy a great demand on the part of many of our members.

English	French	German	Spanish
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	(de rue	(szenen	(calles
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types	types	typen	tipos
views	vues	ansichten	vistas
scenery	scenes	szeneaien	escenas
actresses	actrices	scheauspielerinnen	(actrices
fancy	de fantaisie	fantasie	fantasticas
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TO NON MEMBERS

Following our annual custom, we again make a special offer to non-members of THE UNION, who are subscribers to THE PHILATELIC

WEST; that is: Upon receipt of 10c (silver) mailed on or before May 1st, 1908, we will enroll you as a member of THE UNION and send you Membership Certificate and List of Members and you will also be entitled to all benefits and privileges of THE UNION for a period of one year.

We believe that there are many readers of THE WEST who are interested more or less in THE UNION and are yet non members, and while we have made no protests against your enjoying the privilege of exchanging with our members, still we believe that you should not hesitate to affiliate with our society and contribute your share of the expenses.

We are sure you will not miss the 10 cents, and THE UNION will appreciate it very much if you will help us at this time.

PERSONALS.

546. Pierson Hardwick, 34 Chesham Bldgs., Grosvenor Square, London, W., England offers to mail fine view cards of England to all members, at 3c each for black and white cards and 4c each for high class, glazed, colored views. Unused stamps of 1c. face value are acceptable for small orders. Orders for more than 12 cards from any one member are respectfully declined unless remittance is made by Postal Order.

710. P. Naraskmha Char, 160 College Road, Mysore, India, who has been exchanging colored cards and stamps with our members will in future always send first.

903. Arnaldo Ghisla, Av. de Mayo 1124, Buenos Aires, Arg. Rep., wishes to exchange only with members outside of North America.

990. H. C. Wilder, Carthage, N. Y., collects view cards only (no comics) and is making a specialty of college buildings. Any such card will be gratefully received.

1229. Wm. F. Rodugues, U. S. P. O. Box 993, Shanghai, China, advises that his room caught fire and the contents, including a lot of unanswered correspondence, were entirely destroyed. Members who have sent cards that have not been replied to are respectfully asked to advise him by sending another card, in return for which two cards will be sent. Mr. Rodrigues collects only actresses, fancy leather cards and types.

1281. Eustaquio Pellicer (Hijo), Banfield, F. C. S., Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic, would like all cards sent him for exchange stamped on view side.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

To answer all cards promptly.

To place full name and address and UNION number on all cards sent for or in exchange.

To enclose return postage when writing for information of any kind.

To always enclose return postage when sending cards or letters to the Translation Department.

To notify the pubilsher if you do not receive THE WEST regularly, and not the Secretary of THE UNION. The publisher has been paid for your subscription and is under obligation to send you the paper.

That we close our report on the 15th of each month and all notices and new memberships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.

That members are forbidden unless requested by their correspondents to mail view cards, for or in exchange, from states other than the one in which

they reside, and members receiving such cards, which are necessarily mailed violation of this rule, are under no obligations to reply.

To promptly advise the Secretary in writing of all members who fail to answer your cards, giving date cards were sent as well as full names and addresses of the delinquents. Members in the United States and Canada are allowed one month in which to answer; Mexico, West Indies and Europe, two months; all other places except Australia, three months; Australia, four months.

That we do not furnish membership lists at regular intervals, nor do we promise to furnish anyone with a new list every month, but we will gladly mail lists when published to all sending postage. The last list was published January 15th, so if you wish a copy, please send postage to Secretary.

That we give as a premium five beautiful cards for each new member you secure, and also publish your name on the Roll of Honor.

To promptly renew when your membership expires.

That we do not have any rules or regulations other than the foregoing, and by carefully complying therewith, we are sure you will be satisfied with your membership in THE UNION.

RENEWALS.

307. C. Yamamoto, 4 Nichome, Sugamo, Tokio, Japan.
758. Miss Alice Haines, Hilton, New York.
790. Miss Maria Antonia Briones, San Juan de Guadalupe, Durango, Mex.
798. Karl S. Hillmer, Plymouth, Mich. No exchange at present).
888. P. E. Perkins, 1228 Gratiot Ave., Detroit Mich.
924. Frank Schmidt, 755 Grand Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.
931,. W. Kay Fetter, 411 Lycoming St., Willamsport, Pa. (Colored cards only).
945. Alois Verdernjak, 243 E. 84th St., New York, N. Y.
559. Mrs. W. F. Stollberg, 2274 Whitney Ave., Toledo, Ohio. (No comics).

NEW MEMBERS.

1354. Willis Booth, Jr., 1252 3rd St., Longview, Texas
1355. Miss Effie Anderson, Route 1 Box 24, Bertrand, Nebr.
1356 Max M. Phillips, 87 Montrose Ave, Brooklyn, N. Y. (View cards only)
1357. Cilfford W Tobey. 2239 Clarkwood Road, Cleveland, O.
1358. Noble Birdsong, 410 High St., Longview, Texas.
1359. C. L Griffi, c-o W. U Tel. Co,. Birmingham, Ala.
1360. L. D. Austin, La Boca, Canal Zone, Panama.
1361. C. A. Nail, 1228 St Louis Ave, Bessemer, Ala
1362. Charles S. Abajides Anatolia College, Marsovan, Turkey-in-Asia. (Stamp on view side; postage stamps also exchanged)
1363. J. W. Greenlee, R. F. D. 5 Box 21, Bessemer, Ala.
1364. John Stretch, Jr., R. F. D 1 Box 4, Bessemer, Ala.
1365. E. N. Driver, 601 19th St, Bessemer, Ala.
1366. Ray Tillman, 312 7th St., Bessemer, Ala.
1367. Chester H. Lucas, 2 Veranda St, Portland, Maine (Foreign cards only stamped on view side).
1368. Y. Ramachandra Rao, IV Fortra, Government High School, hitraldurg. Mysore, India.

1369. Capt. E. S. Coutant, U. S. Life Saving Service, Oak Hill, Fla.
1370. B. H. Shaw, Bostwick, Nebr.
1371. Chas. E. Hall, 60 E. 27th St., Los Angeles, Calif.
1372. Paul Bartz, Bethune Sask., Canada.
1373. Chas. Ritchie, Watertown, S. Dak. (View cards only).
1374. F. P. Smith, Box 832, Charles City, Iowa.
1375. Miss Felisa Pangilinan, Apalit, Pampanga, Phillipine Islands.
1376. Miss Leonor Reyes, Apalit, Pampanga, Phillipine Islands.
1377. Miss Consolacion Singian, San Fernando, Pampanga, Phillipine Is.
1378. Miss Josefa Aquino, Barrio Calulut, San Fernando, Pampanga, P. I.
1379. Miss Maria Mercado, B. o. San Jose, San Fernando, Pampanga, P. I.
1380. Miss Victoria Veloso, San Fernando, Pampanga, Phillipine Is.
1381. Amando Santos, Sagasta St., San Fernando, Pampanga, Phil. Is.
1382. Simeon Morales. Clerk Supt. Div., San Fernando, Pampanga, P. I.
1383. Miss Victoria Hizon, 47 Sagasta St., San Fernando, Pampanga, P. I.
1384. Miss Jesusa Llorente, San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippine Is.
1385. Fernando Gonzalez, Box 104, Manila, Philippine Islands.
1386. Faustino Navarro, P. O. Clerk, San Fernando, Pampanga, P. I.
1387. Luis Ma. Dison, Farmacia S. Gabriel. Rosario St., Manila, P. I.
1388. Miss Eulalia Espinosa, B O. San Jose, San Fernando, Pampanga, P. I
1389. Miss Mercedes Bondoc-Daliri. Macabebe, Philippine Islands.
1390. Simeon Garcia, Manila, Philippine Islands.
1391. Miss Felicidad Zamora. Box 326, Manila. Philippine Islands.
1392. Miss Margarita, Zamora, Box 326, Manila, Philippine Islands.
1393. Miss Trinidad Zamora, Box 326, Manila, Philippine Islands.
1394. Miss Maria Paz Zamora, Manila, Philippine Islands, Box 326.
1395. C. A. Butler, c o W. U. Tel Co., Eau Claire, Wisc.
1396. Wathen Johnston, 200 Breard St, Monroe, La.
1397. Miss Margaret Purdy, c-o Loretta Academy, Florisant, Mo.

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

We shall greatly appreciate a prompt renewal from the following members whose memberships expire during the month of March: 380, 418, 432 443, 446, 462, 466, 469, 843, 948, 961, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984. 985, 986, 987 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1005, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030, 1031. 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1041, 1042, 1043, 1044, 1045, 1046, 1047.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

314. Miss Mary Hays from 25 E. 94th St., New York to Manchester, Con.
1026. Albert L. Amos from Reno, to Tulsa, Okla.
1204. Hjalmar Haddorf from Bertrand to North Platte, Nebr.

EXPELLED.

1099. Howard H. Morris, 155 West St., Anapolis, Md. on complaints of 974, 1291, 1311.

1137 Louis Millard, 717 East 16th St., Little Rock, Ark., on complaints of 467, 1180, 1230.

When a member is expelled his name should be immediately stricken from your membership list

Preserving Entomological Specimens

By K. Nuck

When your specimens are removed from the spreading board, a neat label bearing the locality, date of capture and collectors name should be put on each pin. Scientifically, a specimen is regarded as useless if it has not this information. If you are making only a small collection your specimens can be mounted in cigar boxes or other shallow boxes but they must be examined often for as a rule the boxes are not tight fitting and museum pests soon put in an appearance.

Insect cases may be bought from dealers and are really the cheapest in the end. The Schmitt case is recommended by many and is largely used in the U. S. If your intention is to form a large collection of butterflies and moths it would be best to have a cabinet made containing a dozen or so drawers. Most collectors like to have four specimens of each kind of butterfly or moth. This of course is not always possible for many varieties are very rare, but of all available species it is best to have 2 of each sex also one mounted so as to show the underside.

Some kind of deterrent to museum pests should be put in cases or cabinet such as camphor or naphthaline. An easy way is to make a little bag of say cheesecloth and pin one in each box.

If at any time you notice a little fine dust under a specimen it is a sign that some pest is at work and a spoonful of bisulphide of carbon should be poured into box and the lid closed quickly and left closed several hours. This will finish the pest.

A pair of entomological forceps will be very handy in handling specimens.

Notes from Illinois by C. O. Engel

A serial story entitled the "Black Hawk War" is now appearing in our Daily Paper. The story is by Frank E. Stevens, and is the history of the Black Hawk war which took place in Northern Illinois, when Illinois was wilderness of prairies at the time of the Purchase of the Louisiana Territory. The Puplic Library of Dixon, has recently added to the reading room, three large show cases. Two of which are devoted t prehistoric Indian stone relics of all kinds. One large case is devoted to the W. H. Edwards private collection, which is considered the largest in the city, I believe. The other case of these relics is the property of Mr. John T. Lawrence of Palmyra township, being nearly all relics found in this vicinity. There are hundreds of arrow heads of every shape, size and color. Also many fine stone axes, hammers, etc. This is a loan exhibit and attracts much attention to the Dixon community. Taken as a whole, the collections are very attractive, and the Dixon people feel proud of their library for the good work it is doing is gathering together these relics of their vicinity. The other case is devoted entirely to numerous curiosities, shells, birds eggs. fossils, etc. Another small wall case is devoted to antique crockery some two to three hundred years old. It consists of plates, saucers, pitchers and of china ware, etc. This shows the interest these Illinois people have in the history of their country. May the good work keep up.

The Search by Harrold Banning

The "Star Autograph Club" was a vey select group, in fact it hardly merited the name "club" having only seven members. These had been drawn together by that strange affinity existing between collectors of the same objects. I will only mention two of the members as the others took no part in the search.

John Halifax we might class among the "idle rich" but with all his advantages none envied him for with his wealth he also inherited that dread disease, insanity. Occasionally at our meetings he would converse in a wild rambling manner which clearly foretold his approaching malady but he was usually a pleasant person to meet—generous, amiable, but of a retiring nature. The other member was Dr. Kane, a retired physician of considerable wealth and a finished education, a man whom I am proud to say was my friend. One evening about nine oclock the door bell rang violently but before I could answer it the door was opened, and Dr. Kane appeared. His face was flushed and his eyes gleaming as drawing from his pocket a folded note of yellow parchment he exclaimed. "See, Jim, what I found in the body of that old violin I bought recently" and carefully unfolding the note he exposed a document dated June 6,1500 beautifully written in old German. The doctor was an apt scholar and quickly translated the following into English for my benefit—' I, Hugo Hansburg of Liebig, have placed behind the fourth stone in the northeast corner of the abandoned monastery on "Monks Island" a bronze box containing a true autograph letter of Christ. This letter has been in the possession of my family for three hundred years and I the last member suffering from an incurable disease bequeath it to the finder of this note hoping that he and his family may follow the example of my family and keep the fact of its existence a secret from the world." Then followed a fairly complete history of the document in which it was traced back many centuries. Even the skeptical doctor appeared satisfied with the narrative. "Jim," said the doctor vehemently, "this is worth the trip can you be ready in a week to accompany me to Europe for I intend to look into this matter?" It did not take me long to give my assent and the doctor after enjoining me to keep quiet, departed. The days passed rapidly and I soon found myself with the doctor comfortably settled in a parlor car speeding towards New York where we hoped to catch the great liner "Icicle". The doctor was in high spirits and quite talkative. He would frequently take out his note and con it over with satisfaction. I remember asking him if he had kept his secret. He looked at me curiously and replied "You and John Halfax are the only persons who have seen it and he regarded it as a joke" He then leaned back and studied a map but I could see that he was annoyed. Our trip was delighftful but the doctor was so absorbed in his errand that he did not enjoy it as he should. As we drew nearer the goal he grew almost feverish with curiosity and excitement and when we finally stepped off the train at Liebig, he gave a long sigh of satisfaction. Liebig was one of those decayed towns which one meets often in Europe. It had flourished at one time but was now "dead" only the skeleton remained. We soon located "Monks Island" being the only one near town although the old name had been discarded. It was a low small rock in the middle of the river about a mile above the town. It was uninhabited,

but had once been the home of a devoted band of monks, hence the name. God only knows why these misguided men selecte such a miserable rock for a home, for there were beautiful islands a few miles down the river but even these fanatics had grown tired of their location and had abandoned it. The walls of the monastery still remained, unadorned by vine or shrub. This was the goal. We spent the rest of the afternoon in assembling the tools for removing the stone and engaging a boat. That evenng about ten clock, the moon being bright and our preparations completed we hastened to the boat house. As I stepped in the boat I heard an exclamation of annoyance from the the doctor. In our haste we had forgotten a necessary tool,as there were two boats at the pier I hurried back to the village for the tool while the doctor proceeded to the island to locate the stone behind which his treasurer awaited him. I met few persons on my return to the hotel but just as I entered the village a crouching figure darted past me like an arrow, but I gave it no thought then. However, as I entered the hotel that figure crept into my brain and a terrible thought took possession of me. I snatched up the tool and hurried to the street. The terrible thought had taken complete possession of me and I soon broke into a run. I seemed to make no progress as alternately running and walking I stumbled along. Every stone sprang up to trip me and every step was but an inch. Finally panting and exhausted I staggered down to the water's edge and grasping a post gazed upon a frightful scene. My exertions had been in vain for there in mid-river two boats were apidly approaching each other By the bright moonlight I could see the doctor's form in one while the occupant of the other was crouching at such an angle I could not recognize him. A low snarling cry struck my ear,that voice though horribly convulsed I recognized as that of John Halifax. The doctor tried to avoid him but finding it impossible he rose to meet the madman, for John Halifax was now a raving maniac The excitement and disappointment of finding himself outwitted for he was on the same errand as the doctor had upset his weak mind The doctor tossed a long yellow roll of parchment into the end of the boat out of harm's way and braced himself for the struggle. The boat came down upon him and the occupant rising sprang like an ape upon the doctor. There in the shadow of the grim ruins was fought the battle between life and health and death and insanity. The doctor fought desperately with his mad antagonist, and for a moment I thought he would overpower him The two forms swayed in a short death struggle,then the boat upset and the pair were thrown into the water. The doctor's arms were pinioned in the embrace of the madman and they sank like a stone leaving only a few bubbles to take their places Death and insanity had won. I saw a yellow streak as the parchment was carried down with the current. Then all was over, and only the reflection of the moon remained on the water I stared stupidly at this for some time then madness must have touched me also for I can remember nothing but dim lights and strange faces Many days after, when I had recovered I crossed over to the island where I found the stone removed and the cavity behind it empty The doctor had removed the stone and secure his treasure while I was returnng to the village. He had then started for the banks and found death on the way, while I unable to swim, was forced to witness the struggle. When all hope for recoverihg the bodies and parchment had vanished I returned home sick at heart,for I had lost a dear friend and the world had lost its greatest relic.

Fossils--What They Are by L. C. Sparks

Everyone has noticed the curious forms that are to be found in the rocks. For centuries philosophers have wondered over their structures and guessed at their origin. Not until the end of the 18th century was it suggested that these forms were the relics of organism that once lived.

Early Stoilan philosophers attributed them to the influence of the stars Fallopio believed that fossil shells were generated by fermentation or tha; they had acquired their form by unexplained movements of matter. Olivt thought that fossils were "lusus naturae" (a play of nature) which theori was strongly held to until during the 14th century.

Later it was believed by many that fossils were the models after which the creator fashioned the living organisms of today. The deluge offered another explanation and for years it was firmly held that fossils were the remains of organisms overcome by the universal flood.

Even today it is difficult to convince the unstudied that these forms are the remains of organisms that existed thousands perhaps millions of years ago in ages too remote for the human mind to comprehend.

To the lay mind they are petrified honey comb, wasp's nests, beech nuts, rose buds, or one or another of a thouasnd ordinary objects or they are merely curious formations.

In reality fossils are the impressions or casts of the skeletons or harder parts of plants and animals or broadly considered the term "fossil" may be applied to any traces of life naturally entombed in the earth's crust. Strictly speaking the implements of prehistoric man when found entombed in the earth are fossil.

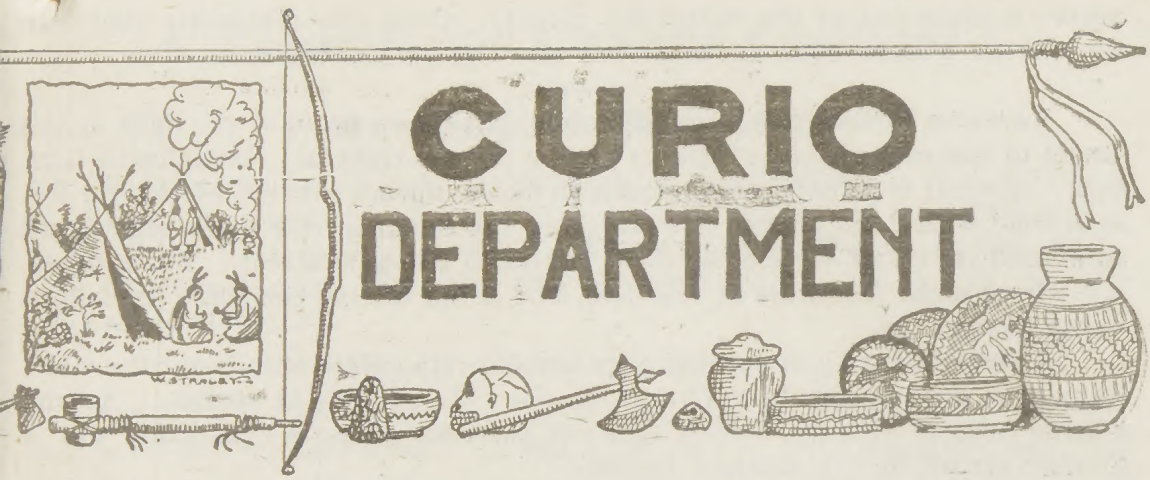
Doubtless some over-enthusiastic collector has shown you some marvelous petrefactions of present day objects in his collection or perhaps your curiosity has led you into the 10 cent exhibition of a petrified man. Let me here state a scientific truth;—flesh cannot petrify and no organism neither plant nor animal can turn directly to stone.

The "petrified man" exhibitors are fakirs, while petrified corn stalks, birds nests, etc., are impossibilities.

The process of fossilization is a deep and interesting study and will be explained in the next issue of "WEST".

A good many people look on post cards as the idle fancy of the summer traveler. Some use them to play a joke on a friend, some to dodge the irksome duty of letter writing, by mailing a card suggesting that a letter will follow. Certainly the post card has won for itself an abiding place among the American people, but there is a feature which is not receiving the thought it deserves, and that is their educational value. Post card collectors will display their albums with pride and point to view cards mailed them from all parts of the world: scenes taken from actual photographs, which remain in the mind's eye and give a delightful sense of familiarity when some lecturer or traveler mentions the place.

Mr. T. McNaught has just presented the Scarborough Archaelogical Society with a pair of fine trophies carved in hard Whitby jet. They are valuable works of art, and do great credit to the Whitby jet workers.



CURIO DEPARTMENT

By A. Crozier, Wilmington, Delaware

An interesting literary exhibit, in which the first editions of all the works of Milton, and many later editions are shown is being held at the Columbia University N. Y. City. The most interesting item is the original manuscript of "Paradise Lost" owned by J. Pierpont Morgan and loaned for exhibition by him. The copy was written by Milton's secretary, and from it the first edition was printed. Mr. Morgan paid a large sum for this manuscript in London and it is now exhibited for the first time in America.

Dr. Geo. B. Gordon of the University of Penna , who made a successful expedition to the Arctic regions last year in search of an unknown tribe of natives he believed to live there, recently spoke of his experience as follows:

"I have selected the study of the manners and customs of the living tribes in Alaska, who are at present in a low stage of civilization because they are veritably a link between the past and present. In only remote places in North America are there fields for such research any longer. The most interesting of the living tribes which have been brought to my attention are those of the Koskokuin valley in Alaska where the natives have remained isolated from white influence. These natives build their habitations of dressed timber underground. There are two types one having a central fire place and the other having oil lamps as a method of heating The dwelling consists of a single room with a raised platform around the four walls on which the members of the family household sleep. Their food consists chiefly of dried fish procured during the summer season together with meat and a few berries. Such habitations are grouped together forming villages of about 250 population. These people delight in telling stories and their religion consists in a beilef in swarms of spirits who afflict humanity. The women are supreme in the household. They believe in marrying early and having few children, who receive great affection. Many legends are handed down with verbal fidelity from generation to generation, and these are told at the Rosgee, or men's club. The legend which represents one of the longest epics is that of Karruk, the hero, who slew the mommoth. This may either be an invention from observation of the fossil remains of the mammoth, or it may be indicative of surviving memories of the time when the mammoth existed in Alaska.

Flies are not the only things found in amber. In a big mass of clear

amber dredged out of the Baltic Sea recently, three was distinctly visible in its interior a small squirrel, with fur, teeth and claws intact.

Valuable Roman and Norman relics have been brought to light as the result of the excavations of the extension of the General Postoffice in London. Several months ago the workmen came upon a portion of the old Roman wall which ran aruond the city, and the remains have since been found to extend for about 400 feet at right angles to Newgate street. The rampart was about eight feet wide at the base, and seven feet at the top, its height being sixteen feet.

A large quantity of earthenware and the relics were found near the wall, having, it is supposed, been thrown on the rubbish heap as uselses. Among a large number of coins, which have not yet been properly examined, are a number struck by the Ancient Romans

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The Connecticut Historical Society has in its possession some wooden trenchers, made of blocks of wood hollowed out, once used as dishes by the early colonist. Some of them are of poplar,and so daintily shaped that they were handed down as a legacy to children and grandchildren. Usually the husband and wife, or two of the children ate from the same trencher, and it was regarded as the height of style to have a separate trencher for each guest.

Three has been placed on exhibition in the mummy room at the British Museum, the mummy of a lady, one of the priestesses of the famous priesthood of Amen Ra. at Karnak. The mummy is undoubtedly one of the finest in the collection, and is covered with a cartonnage casing, modeled in the form of the body; the face being a portrait of the deceased, is thickly overlaid with gold, the eyes and eyebrows beig inlaid with obsidian. The rest of the casing is occupied with representations of the deceased addressing prayers to Osirus Annbis and the genii of the dead, the whole being thickly covered with gold paint. The coffin is like most of its class, made in the shape of a mummified body,the sides being richly decorated with gilded representations of the gods. The date of this interestnig addition to the collection is about 1000, B. C.

COLLECTING ENTOMOLOGICAL SPECIMENS, By K. Nuck.

With a little experience the collector will soon become expert in the use of the net. Of course specimens will be missed at first and even when caught, spoiled by careless handling but practice. It is impossible to tell where to collect. Butterflies do not all fly in the same places; some kinds like sunny woods, others swamps or along streams and others along railway tracks, etc. The moths are to be caught chiefly at night. Some begin to fly early in the evening and can be caught around flowers etc. Electric lights on the outskirts of towns attract great numbers and here they can easily be collected.

The method called "sugaring is an interesting way to catch specimens. The "sugar" is molasses thinned down and daubed on tree trunks at dusk. These trees can then be visited shortly afterward and may specimens obtained. Take a dark lantern along with you also some kind of a box in which to place specimens caught A cigar box with a strip of cork glued in the bottom will answer. The cork will hold the entomological pins.

A Kolumn for Kansas Kollectors

By George J. Remsburg

Ex Congressman John A. Halderman, of Washington, D. C., formerly of Kansas, has presented his valuable collection of Siamese and other curios to the Y. M. C. A. of Leavenworth. The curios are from Oriental countries, but mostly from Siam, and were gathered by Mr. Halderman on his trip around the world.

THE ATCHISON GLOBE SAYS:

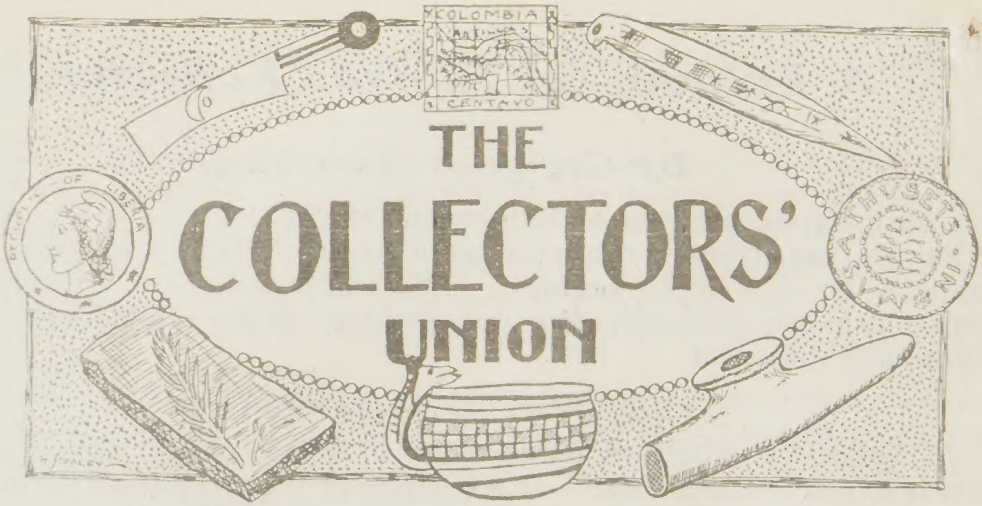
"Those who delight in old quilts would greatly enjoy seeing a quilt that is owned by Jesse Huey. It was made by his great grandmother, and bears her name and the date of making in tiny cross stitches in the center of the quilt: "Ann Moffit, 1801." The quilt is of white material, with a rose pattern done in quilting all through it in the tiniest of stitches, with thread that was home spun. There is a border of blue around the extreme edge, and an interior border with a pretty piece of calico, with a pink rose on blue ground forming the center of every design. In the center of the quilt is an immense star of blue and white. Mr. Huey thinks so much of the quilt that he carries $50 insurance on it, and money couldn't buy it from him. Of all the old quilts the writer of this has ever seen, the one made by "Ann Moffit, 1801," is the very prettiest."

The writer has just received for his private collection the following Indian relics from Mr. John Harmon, of Hay Springs Nebr: A handsome stone pipe with stem, once the property of John McMahon, interpreter for Red Cloud the Sioux chief; a bow and three arrows made by John Stinking Bear, a Sioux Indian; a war club made by Joe Mexico, and beadwork by Lily Lightfoot, aged 15, both of the Pine Ridge agency.

The following from the Kansas City Journal will interest stamp collectors:

"The latest pest is the postage stamp bug. Its kin to the green bug and other bugs, big and little, has not been determined. The council is seriously considering making an appropiation to employ an official city bug-ologist to determine from whence the postage stamp bug came, and what can be done to expedite its going. Ths particular bug has a penchant for the mucilage on the backs of postage stamps, and it has a voracious appetite for muscilage and a storage capacity of immense proportions. It gets under the layers of postage stamps and completely strips off the muscilage and cries for more. It disdains the paper part of the stamp, and thus far has done no damage other than to strip off the muscilage. This in itself is really annoying, for it requires the applying of new muscilage to the stamps every time a letter has to be mailed. As a precaution against the ravages of the pests economical heads of the departments are sealing up the stamps in cans that once contained tobacco.

Paul Handke, who lives near Poer, owns an old fashioned buffalo and deer rifle that is probably a hundred years old. It was brought to Atchison county by Fred Binkley. The barrel is four feet long, and the gun is fired with cap and ball. Mr. Handke also has an interesting collection of Indian and other relics.



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We have another large list this month and we feel greatly encouraged by the renewals. You will find about all of our members are renewing which shows that they are interested in our future If you have not joined, be sure and send in right away.

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L. G. Cline, Mgr. The Cline Curio & Post Card Co., 145 So. 9th St. Denver, Colo; O. C. Brush, Belgium, N. Y.; Forney Gilliam, Post Card Dealer, Box 51, Ardmore, Okla.; The Sunflower Stamp Co., 1503 Atchison St., Atchison, Kan.; W. Straley, Comanche, Tex., Cartoonist; Harry Scoble Mgr., State Stamp Co., New Rochelle, N. Y., 22 Poplar Place.

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394 Wm. Blomberg, 1503 Atchison St., Atchison, Kas ,
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384. B. J. Hill, Box 23, Hastings, Nebr.
385. R. S. Stephens, Danville, Ill., 309 E. Fairfield St.

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Killing Bottle for Entological Specimens by K. Nuck

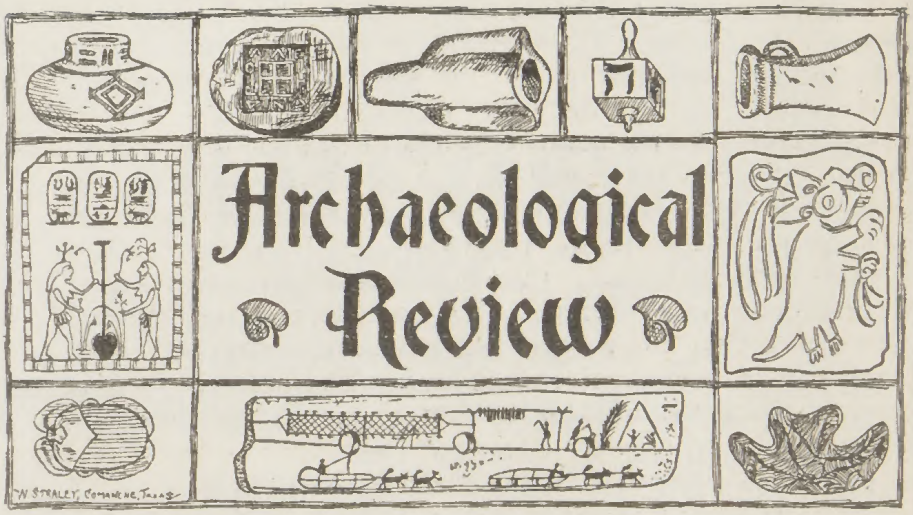
Any wide mouthed bottle of convenient size will do. The old 2 oz quine bottles are good and the common vaseline bottle will do.

Cyanide of Potassium is the poison used for killing insects. This should be broken into small pieces and placed in bottle. If using a vaseline bottle put in enough to cover bottom. On top of this pour half an inch of liquid plaster of Paris. The bottle should be left uncorked for two hours. Cyanide of Potassium is a deadly poison and care must be exercised in handling it. Label the bottle POISON. Large moths are best killed by oxalic acid diluted in water. If with a sharp pen dipped in this liquid the underside of the thorax between the bases of the legs is pierced some of acid will find its way into the body and cause almost instant death.

Before this a few drops of chloroform can be poured over the thorax. This will stupefy the insect and it can easily be pierced with the dipped which has been dipped in the oxalic acid. The chloform will soon evaporate and will not injure the specimen.

Those of my readers who understand French must get a copy of M. Maury's "Histoire del Timbres Postes Francais" just issued,as it treats very interestingly of the post cards, wrappers, envelopes, etc., and is splendidly illustrated. The early issues of the French cards have a wealth of variety that has never, I think, properly explored, and it remains more or less one of the untilled fields,of which there are too many around us. The cards are not now so plentiful as they were,and it is becoming difficult to pick up the scarcer varieties, so that we must look to some of the older collectors for light on the subject. Fortnightly, England.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—Publishers of archaeological journals and books, are requested to send copies for review, to address below. Also desire notes and clippings of archaeological interest. Proper credit given to all correspondents.
David B. Emert, Dawson, Shelby Co., Ohio.



From a number of clippings (sent by the publisher), I extract the following notes: The State University of California, has just issued a 100 page bulletin, By Dr. Max Uhle, which lays bare the secrets which have baffled scientists in their search for relics at the huge mound at Emeryville, commonly known as Shell Mound Park. The bulletin gives the results of several years work in excavating in the park by D Uhlen and Professor Merriam of the State University. The bulletin is of the greatest archaeolgical value, and explains that Shell Mound and other mounds in and around Oakland and Berkely are almost the only witnesses of primitive culture among the Indians which formerly inhabited the Bay county region.

Among the constituents of the Mound, may be mentioned shells, of which the oyster, mussels and clams predominate; bones of the deer, elk, sea otter, beaver, squirel, rabbit, wild cat, wolf, bear, sea lion, whale, turtle etc. Also fire places, known by their beds several feet in length, consisting of charcoal and yellowish ashes. The age of the mound is of considerable interest. It is possible to assume that it represents a historical development of more than a thousand—possibly several thousand—years; as various cultural stages are indicated by the contents of the different strata.—e g. kinds of implements, the different forms of burial, etc. Among the artificats unearthed, are mortars, flat stones, pestles, hammer like stones, tobacco pipes, utensils of bone, horn and the teeth of animals. The bulletin is profusely illustrated with carefully prepared cuts.

Mr. C. E. Kurtz, of Bucyrus, Ohio, writes me that the monument of the battle of Olentangy (between Col Crawford and the Indians.) stands about 3 miles north of his home in Whetstone Twp. Crawford county, Ohio. He also states that there are found a great many Indian relics, such as axes, hammer stones, knives, spears, arrows fragments of pottery perforated stones amulets birdstones etc. Also a great many arrows and skinners are fonud along Whetstone creek. It is supposed the Wyandot Indians had a village near Olentangy.

What is said to be one of the most remarkable spear heads known, was recently found in a bluff north of Omaha. It is seven and one quarter inches long and three inches wide at its widest point. One side is colored a lustrous cobalt blue while the reverse is white. Held to the light it is of

beautiful translucent orange. The chipping is evidently the work of a aster in the art. An Omaha archaeologist two has examined the imple- ent declares it to be an arrow head and infers that it was probably used by ie of the race of giants of which the legends of the Omaha tribe of Indians eak. Some ancient mounds opened in this vicinity have shown skeletons tween eight and ten feet long. This would go to show that there was for- erly a race of people in the vicinity who could use such an implement of ch large size, as an arrow head.

More than forty Indian graves have been desecrated in the vicinity of arbor, Curry county, Oregon. Some of the bodies dug up had not been ried over a year and a half The remains were left scattered over the round for dogs and coyotes to devour. The desecration is supposed to have een done by parties hunting for Indian money and relics. The Indians are ery indignant over the matter and have complained to Superintendent rank Kyselka, the agent at the Hoopa Reservation. Four persons have een arrested by the local authorities, but the officials are very indifferent, nd not much is expected to come of the arrests

The Bureau of Ethnology has in preparation, two very valuable bulle- ins, viz: The Antiquities of the Little Colorado, and the Antiquities of he Mesa Verda National Park. As the editions will be limited, applica- ions for copies should be made at once.

POST CARD NOTES, by Feris.

There are about a thousand firms in Denver selling post cards. Should ach dealer sell 50,000 cards a year, which is a conservative estimate, it would nean that there are close to 50,000,000, post cards purchased annually in Denver.

Evidently the western souvenir card collector "keeps busy" for a single Denver dealer has a sales record of 750,000 cards in one year.

Postal clerks and officials are ever on the alert to "spot" risque and im- moral cards, and when seen they are quickly relegated to the ash heap. The major portion of the cards of an immoral nature are said to come from for- ign countries.

Souvenir card collectors should keep thoroughly posted on the postal aws of the land. New rules and regulations are constantly being promul- gated by the postoffice department at Washington, and ignorance thereof neans the waste of many hundreds of dollars worth of stamps every week.

The United States mint at Denver has not coined any gold pieces for ome time past but will soon begin turning out the new St. Gaudens gold oins. This has necessitated the installation of a new set of dies which are eing made by the government engraver at Philadelphia. The first min- age order was for $10 and $30 gold pieces of the new design.

The new regulation regarding tinseled post cards is not being well ob- served despite all that has been printed regarding the requirements of the department. Many costly cards are consequently being confiscated. The tinseled cards were put under the ban last March a regulation requiring that they must be mailed in envelopes. A later amendment specified that trans- parent envelopes of waxed paper might be used and a still later ruling is to the effect that the stamp must be placed on the outside of the envelope. If sealed or not sealed, and bearing a message, the postage is 2 cents; if un- sealed, and the card bears no message, 1 cent postage is sufficient.



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NEW MEMBERS.

32. George J. Rhein, Manchester, Green Co. Wisconsin, all kinds of cards.

33. Max M. Phillips, 87 Montrose Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., scenery cards once a month.

34. Fritz Blunck, Hobrechtstur, 80, Rixdorf, Berlin, Germany

35. Magnus Hansen, Trousinsgade 33 K. Copenhagen, Denmark, good view cards, also a philatelist.

36. Elsie M. Fertel, 1321 Knuland Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, colored views, leather postals and foreign.

37. Clifford M. Gillies, 332 6th Ave., West Calgary, Alberta, Canada, picture view cards.

38. W. J. Donnally 4049 North 6th St., Philadelphia, Pa, colored views.

39. Carl H. M. Partridge, Millers Falls, Mass., views.

40. Jas. L. Bigger, 23 Miami St., Omaha, Nebraska, all kinds of Cards.

41. Ulmont Stewart, L. B. 118, West Port, Indiana, scenery and monuments.

42. Guy Flaig, 416 Walnut St., Danville, Kentucky.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

No. 7, Walter Schmus 618 West School St., Chicago Ill., will be pleased

to have you send him cards bearing the picture of the churches in your city.

No. 3, Anthony R. Christensson, 100 Lamparrilla St. Havana, Cuba, is too busy to answer cards until further notice.

Our membership list is now ready and if you have not received a list you should notify the Secretary at once.

DEFENSE FUND.

A Defense Fund shall be manitained by this club for the protection of its members and any member who sends another member a card and failing to receivee reply to same according to the time limit allowed by our own rules, can make application to the secretary of the club for reimbursement for the cost of the card plus the postage on same under the following conditions:—No one member will be reimbursed until two other members have reported as failing to receive reply from the dishonest collector, the dishonest collector expelled, then the three reporting members will be reimbursed at the same time. No member can make claim for more than 25 cents during the one year of his or her membership in the club.

REPRESENTATIVES.

We want a representative in each and every state of the Union, states of Mexico, provinces of Canada, and each foreign country. If you wish the position as representative, please send application for same to the secretary stating what you are willing to do to enlarge the membership of the club.

SPECIAL REDUCED RATES.

Until March 31, 1908, the dues for subscriberrs to the Philatelic West is, U. S. 10c. Canada 15c. Mexico 15c, Foreign 20c. If not a subscriber to the Philatelic WEST, the dues are, U. S., 35c; Canada 60c; Mexico, 50c; Foreign 70c. After March 31, 1908 the regular dues will be charged. Why not join now while you can get in at this low rate? If you do not, you will surely miss a good opportunity. Do it now, and you will help make this club one of the best in America.

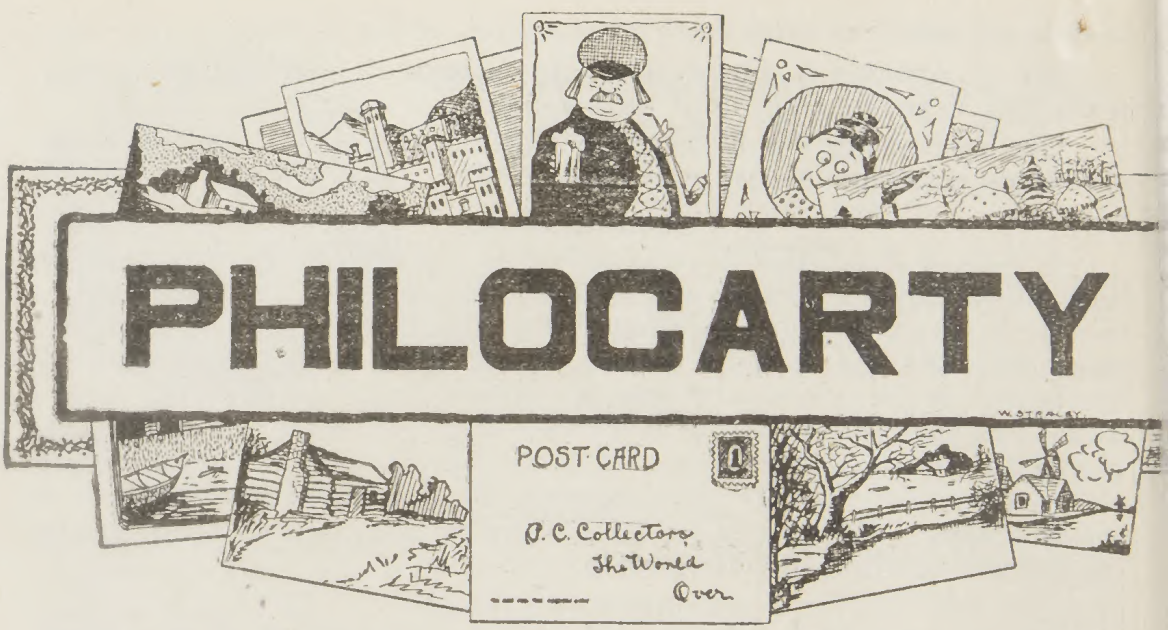
PRIZE CONTEST NO. 2.

Contest No I. will have ended before you receive the WEST again, so we are going to offer you another chance to win an honorary membership in the club. 1st Prize, Honorary Life Membership. 2nd prize, a Free Paid Up Membership for One Year. 3rd prize, One Dozen Colored View Cards of St. Louis, Mo. To get first prize you must obtain five (5) new members for the cub. 2nd prize, you must obtain three (3) new members for the club. 3rd prize, you must obtain two (2) new members for the club. Contest begins March 1, 1908 and ends June 15 1908.

With best wishes, I am yours sincerely.

James A. Carr, Jr., Sec-Treas.

Speaking of birthday cards reminds me that there is now a small but steady demand for other sorts of greeting cards such as congratulations on weddings and other family and social functions. I know that people only have a birthday once a year and a wedding day only once or twice in their lives; still, they do have them, and if the sale of these special greeting cards be small, it is at least steady and continuous, and if the cards are good of their kind you run no danger of bad stock—for somebody is sure to get born or married or celebrate a silver wedding every day in the year.



Post Card Taken Firm Hold in the U. S.

By Gilbert N. Gunderson of Minneapolis

Of all the fads which have from time to time come before the people of this country or any other country, the "postal card craze" is one which has been having a longer run of it and one which is still much in vogue, and from all indications will probably continue to be for some time to come.

It has only been during recent years that this popular innovation has so taken hold of the world in general, probably not more than five or six years at the most.

Postal cards have been used for years and years as a means of correspondence: often a person has but a very limited time and wishes to drop a line to some friend or relative and not having time to write a long letter, simply goes into a shop and buys a postal card, sits down and writes two or three lines, drops it into a post box, and the thing is over.

The fad had its origin in Europe, as do many, and the whole Eastern Hemisphere was practically flooded before it had yet been instituted in America. It had gained such prominence there that it really had become a paying industry.

It was not long, however, before the American traveler attained the idea of carrying the fad back home with him and ventured to launch it among the people of his own country.

It was not a successful proposition at the start, and for a time its future looked exceedingly dubious, and in fact, it seemed to die an ignominious death, but it was not down to stay, for the craze began to spread from Europe and with such rapidity that the country was fairly deluged, and it kept on increasing in volume instead of dying down, as might have been expected.

Now and then, a new kind of card would spring up and would be snapped up by the ever anxious American, giving rise to the belief that the fad was not a fad in the real sense of the word, but had become almost a habit, and as a result, it was seen that it was to become a paying proposition after

There is hardly a week but that some idea springs forth in the souvenir line. In the beginning it was the scenic views, of which there have been thousands and thousands sold in every city. These were followed by the funny ones, many of which are very ingenuous, and which display much wit and humor. Next the Indian cards had their run, and of late the tendency has been toward a much higher standard, by the use of reproductions of famous paintings, and the wold's masters of art, music and letters.

This latter class, naturally is the kind which is really of some value, and which have brought the fad to its height. They are the kind which are instructive, and have enjoyed a really sensational run. Lovers of the popular actors and actresses are always ready to take advantage of an opportunity to procuare a likeness of his favorite, and the series has been particularly in demand

Of the later ones, is another class of which it takes from 20 to 25 to make a pillow, and naturally the sale is greatly increased It is not infrequent that a customer invests two or three dollars and many of them spend at least twenty-five to fifty cents.

They are quite unique and the pillows have also taken well is the leather one. The demand for these has been greatly increased by the hobby of making pillows made from them attractive.

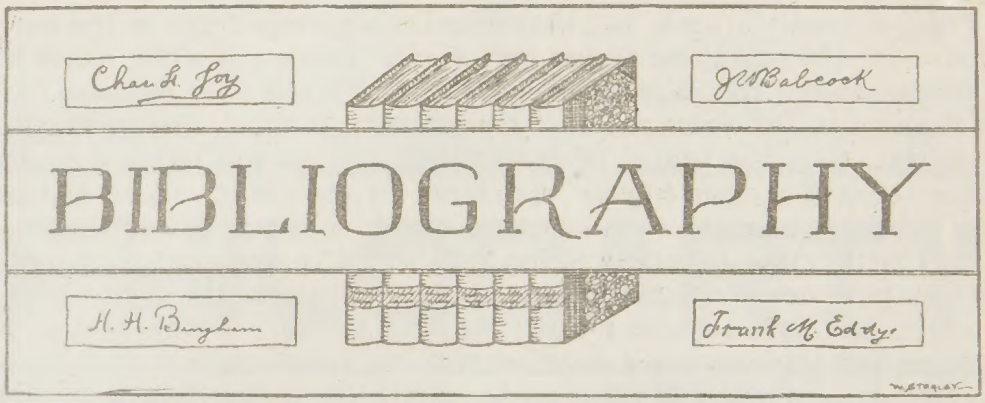
There are novelties of all descriptions which show cleverness in their makeup, and these too have had a good run. One of the most clever of these is one to which is attached a pair of small metal shoes

Of the many uses to which the cards have been put, one is the acting as agent for Dan Cupid. It often time occurs that a young lady makes the acquaintance of a young man, with whom she would like to become more intimate, but for the fact it would not be quite proper to tell him so. Here is where the postal card comes in handily. All that is necessary is for the young lady to intimate to her newly made friend that she is a collector of souvenir postals and ask him to make contributions. In such a case he naturally accedes to her request,and the result invariably is that he becomes the recipient of a sweet reply, telling him how much they pleased her, etc. It is useless to say that anything more is necessary in the linking of two hearts together.

In society circles also, the postals have played a conspicuous part. for there have been given luncheons, showers and numerous other functions in which the cards have been given as decorations. games, and as place cards. At luncheons they have been used by the host, who has received them in acceptance to invitation, to designs to the places which the guests are to occupy. In fact there are innumerable usages of which they may be made.

There is one class. however, the run upon which has been considerably dampened by the interference of the post authorities. This is the vulgar kind. Of these most have been of foreign origin, and some were extreme.

A relic hunter has been doing considerable damage at Liverpool, chipping pieces off the interior of the Cathedral. Such depredations are sometimes laid to the charge of American visitors. but it would appear in this case that the despoilers were Englishmen. Such reckless disfiguration of valuable monuments generally leads to the public being deprived of free access to such buildings.



Notes of Interest to the Book and Manuscript Collector by Verna Weston Hanway

We all have a desire, a weakness if you please, to know the inner life, the human side of great men and women. Perhaps this interest as much as the pleasure collecting affords us actuates the autograph and manuscript collector in his, or her, quest for these. The next best thing to owning such papers is the seeing of reproductions. The November "Cosmopolitan is of intense interest to those of us who are interested in this,or kindred branches of collecting. To begin with it has under the heading "Theodore Roosevelt, By Himself" a reproduction. exact in every minute detail, even to the letter heads of the "Assembly Chamber, State of New York," of a letter written by him personally in which he tells of his ancestry,poiltical achievements and recreations. The "Cosmopolitan" aptly describes it as "an interesting human document." Mr. Roosevelt's handwriting cannot be termed good,but that is usual with busy and hurried persons; it is very characteristic. In the course of the letter he says:

"I graduated at Harvard in 1880; in college did fairly well in my studies, taking honors in Natural History and Political Economy * * * * Have published sundry papers on ornithology, either on my trips to the north woods, or around my summer home on the wooded,broken shore of Long Island." Again, "I am very fond of both horse and rifle,and spend my summers either on the great plains after buffalo and antelope, or in the northern woods after deer and caribou. I am connected with various charitable organizations." "Am fairly well off; my recreations are reading,riding and shooting."

Then there is a reproduction of a typewritten manuscript on "Youth and Manhood," by Mary Baker G. Eddy, with numerous corrections and signature in her own handwriting. The subject and text are of interest, even to those who do not subscribe to the Christian Science faith. This brief excerpt contains the nucleus of the creed: "You will agree with me that the material body is mortal, but Soul is immortal; also that the five personal senses are perishable,they lapse and relapse, come and go until they are consigned to dust."

The "Cosmopolitan" furnishes an example which we would like to see more generally followed.

There are doubtless quite a number of readers who have yet to read Eugene Field's verses, "Dibdin's Ghost," in "The Little Book of Western

Verse," published by Charles Scribner's Sons. I trust the publishers will pardon the liberty taken in quoting therefrom.

"Dear wife, last midnight, whilst I read
The tomes you so despise,
A specter rose beside the bed,
And spake in this true wise:
"From Canaan's beatific coast
I've come to visit thee,
For I am Frognall Dibdins' ghost,
Says Dibdins ghost to me.

I bade him welcome, and we twain,
Discussed with buoyant hearts
The various things that appertain
To bibliomaniac arts.
"Since you are fresh from t'other side,
Pray tell me of that host,
That treasured books before they died,"
Says I to Dibdin's ghost.

"They've entered into prefect rest;
For in the life they've won
There are no auctions to molest
No creditors to dun.
Their heavenly rapture has no bounds,
Beside that jasper sea;
It is a joy unknown to Lowides,"
Says Debdin's ghost to me.

"But what of those who scold at us
When we would read in bed?
Or, wanting victuals, make a fuss
If we buy books instead?
And what of those who've dusted not
Our motley pride and boast—
Shall they profane that sacred spot?"
Says I to Dibdin's ghost.

"Oh, no! They tread that other path
Which leads where torments roll,
And worms, yes, bookworms, vent their wrath
Upon the guilty soul,
Untouched of bibliomaniac grace,
That saveth such as we,
They wallow in that dreadful place,"
Says Dibdin's ghost to me.

"To my dear wife will I recite
What things I've heard you say;
She'll let me read the books by night
She'll let me buy by day.
For we together by and by,
Would join that heavenly host;
She's earned a rest as well as I,"
Says I to Dibdin's ghost.

We strongly urge the reader to purchase "The Little Book of Western Verse," if only to read this little gem in its entire form.

A young girl residing in the northeastern portion of Pennsylvania is said to own a very rare edition of one of the histories of the Wyoming Valley and the Wyoming Massacre. Two or three of the histories written on this subject are almost an impossibility to acquire. The writer has been trying to get a certain one of these histories for three years, and was unable to find a copy anywhere. The rarest history of Wyoming is valued at over six hundred dollars. Any person owning histories or works on the subject would do well to submit them to a responsible and reputable dealer for valuation.

The writer is indebted to Mr. Walter R. Benjamin, 225 Fifth Avenue, New York, for copies at various times of his "The Collector": "A Magazine for Autograph and Historical Collectors." A feature of this valuable little journal is the reprinting of manuscripts and papers of interest. Many things of a historic nature thus come to light again.



..Camera News..



Editor—F. J. Clute, San Francisco

One Way for an Amateur to Make Money

Did you ever try to print post cards? It is about the most simple branch of photography and yields a big profit. A "developing out" card is the best as you can do quicker work. Of course you must "get the knack" but this is not hard. Ask Rhone of St. Paul for sample.

Select a reliable brand of goods and use these altogether. Do not experiment with different makes. It is better to pay a little more and obtain good cards than to buy cheap ones which give a muddy effect when finished.

A large capital is not required. Fit up a square closet as a dark room, buy a number of trays, and you have all the tools necessary. Any make of ruby or orange lamp is good, but get a good one. Some lamps are sold at ten cents each but are next to worthless. Have a number of place-holders filled at all times.

Now you are ready. When a large fire, wreck, etc., occurs near your town, take your camera and make for the spot. Take time to choose a good view but do not waste time. Remember that you must have your cards on sale before the excitement following the incident dies out. As soon as you know if you have a good negative, start out and canvass all the stores in your vicinity for orders. When you have as many orders as you can fill, start printing post cards. You will find that a glossy card will "take" the best. It is often possible to make from ten to twenty-five dollars on one set of negatives. It does not pay to photograph local scenes and finish upon postals if plain or colored printed postals can be obtained by the people. Generally speaking, they will choose the cheapest card regardless of quality of paper, etc.

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MY RUBY LAMP by Thomas J. Ronald.

My ruby lamp is a home made affair that does not look very handsome, but does the work equal to one that costs from $1.00 to $1.50. It consists of an extra large cigar box which I bound around the corners with black paper and raised upon feet about one inch. In one end I bored a few holes around the place where the lamp would set and in the other I made one large hole and covered it with a piece of bent tin, held in place by four tacks pushed into the wood, being careful to have good ventilation space around the edge. Over the top I glued a strip of black paper bent up in the middle. What was the bottom of the box will be the front side and the lid will be the back and door. Around the edge of the box I glued a flange of black paper and folded it in the box and shut the lid on it. This makes a light, tight joint. At the bottom of the front I glued another flange of paper, to keep back any light that comes from the ventilation holes. The black paper is what comes around dry plates or what kodak film is wound on.

In the bottom I cut a rectangle, about 3x4 inches crossways and the bottom edge about even with the bottom of the lamp flame; over the opening I fitted a ruby and orange glass holding them in place with upholstery tacks pushed into the wood. I then took a piece of cardboard a trifle smaller than the box and cut a opening to correspond with the bottom of the box, then glued a flange of black paper around the edge and placed it in the box over the glass to keep the light from creeping out between the box and glass.

For a light I used a small night lamp. I usually light it the first thing and put it in the box so that I can adjust it before I commence developing as it usually has to burn a while before it will burn steady. I find that insufficient ventilation will make it smoke unless turned very low. If turned high it will overheat the burner and do a lot of smoking and then go out.

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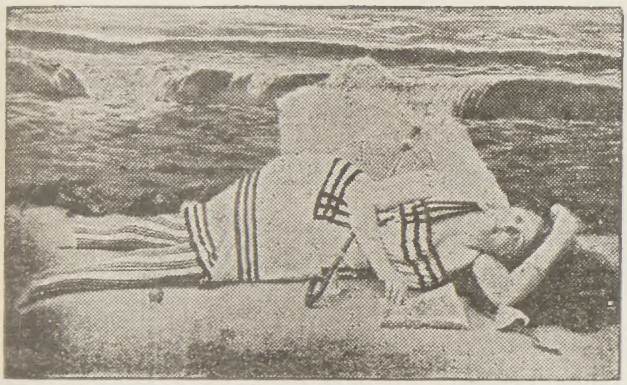
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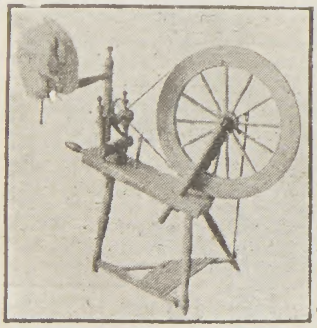
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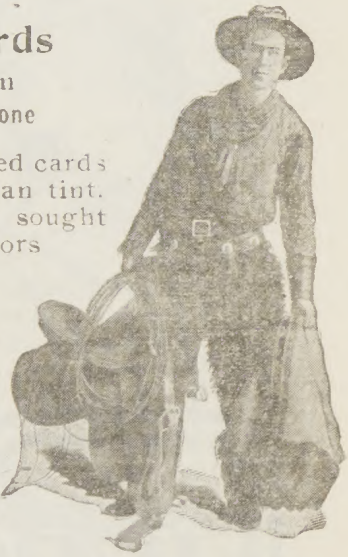
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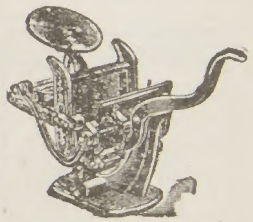
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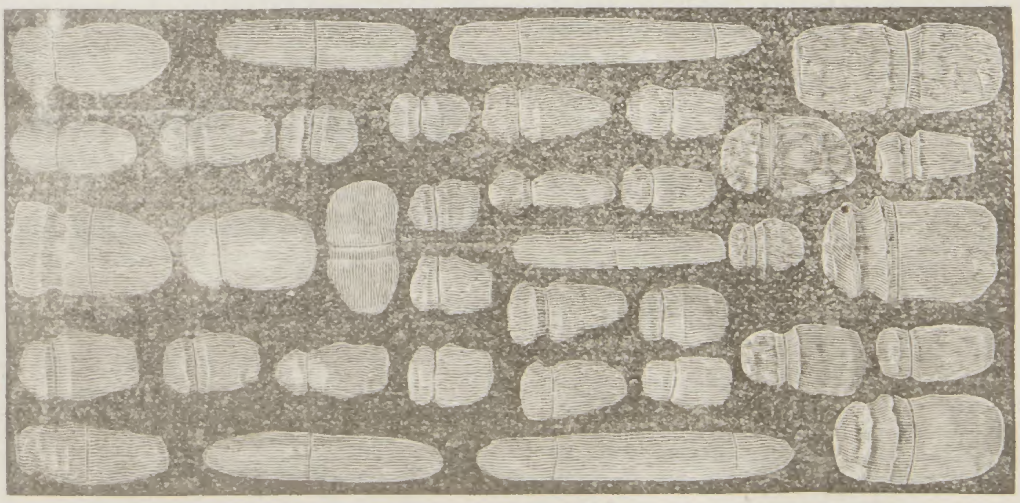


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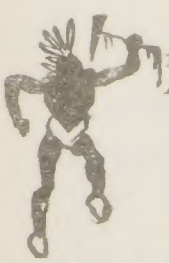
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5n red 3
7n rose 6
10n blue 8
14n bister brown 10
15n violet brown 12
red surch correos
10n blue 25
25n violet brown 25
4 1n gray blue 2
20n brown orange 8
30n violet brown 12
50n ultramarine 12
1fl deep green 25
2fl brown violet 40
7 1n d'k blue and bister 3
2n magent & yellow 3
3n orange br'n & yellow green 3
5n blue gr'n & bis'r 4
19n yellow & ultramarine 5
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25n d'k blue & yellow 8
30n magente & bis'r 10
50n red brown and gray plue 12
1fl rose & gray blue 30
2fl br.n & bl'k green 45
98 2n blue green 3
3n carmine 3
5n orange 3
7n gray lilac 4
10n magenta 5
15n red brown 8
25n dark blue 10
02 1h ultramarine 1
2h lilac rose 1
5h pale green 2
10h rose 2
25h dull blue 5
50h slate gray 10

MONTENEGRO.

1kr violet brown 18
1kr pale brown 30
5kr buff 60
1905 1h ultramarine 2
2l lilac rose 2
9h pale green 3
10h rose 3
25h dull blue 6
50h slate gray 12
1kr violet brown 30
2kr pale brown 30
5kr buff 60
1907 1p yellow brown 1
2p black 1
2p green 2
10p red 3
15p blue 4
20p orange red 5
25p dull blue 6
35p brown 9
50p lilac 12
1kr carmine 25
2kr green 50
5kr red brown 1.25

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1894 1n red 2
2n yellow green 2
3n orange 2
5n olive 2
10n violet 2
20n ultramarine 6
30n blue green 9
50 gray green 15
1902 2h orange 2
10h olive 3
25h lilac 5
50h emerald green 10
1kr pale gray green 18
1905 5h orange 2
10h olive 3
25h lilac 5
50h emerald green 10
1kr pale gray green 20
1907 5p brown 2
10p violet 3
25p rose 7
50p green 14

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1895 ultramarine & rose 3
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10c br'n & green 12
15c violet & green 15
25c rose and blue 20
30c br'n and rose 20
50c blue & rose 25
75c violet & orange 50
1fr olive & black 60
2fr gray br'n & rose 75
5fr blue and rose 1.75
25fr rose and blue 5 00
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1900 40c orange & blue 20
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0.05 on 75 violet and orange 30
0.10 on 1fr olive and black 50
0.40 on 2fr brown and rose 3
0 75 on 5fr rose and blue 6
5c on 75c "Obock" 8
5c on 40c orange and blue 8
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	10c carmine and orange	4
	15cc br or'ge & blue	4
	20c violet & green	6
	25c blue & pale blue	7
	30c red and black	8
	same, inverted center	50
	40c orange & blue	10
	same inverted center	50
	50c gr'n & vermilion	12
	same inverted center	50
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	1fr red, orange and violet	25
	same inverted center	60

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	5fr orange & blue	1.25
	same inverted center	2.25
1903	1c violet and bl'k	1
	2c brown & black	1
	4c red & black	2
	5c green and bl'k	2
	10c carmine & bl'k	3
	15c br or'ge & bl'k	4
	20c br violet & bl'k	6
	25c ultramarine and black	7
	30c carmine & bl'k	8
	40c orange & bl'k	10
	same inverted center	50
	75c br orange and black	20
	1fr red orange and black	25
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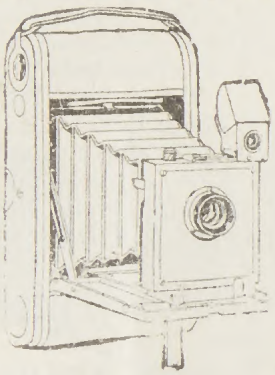
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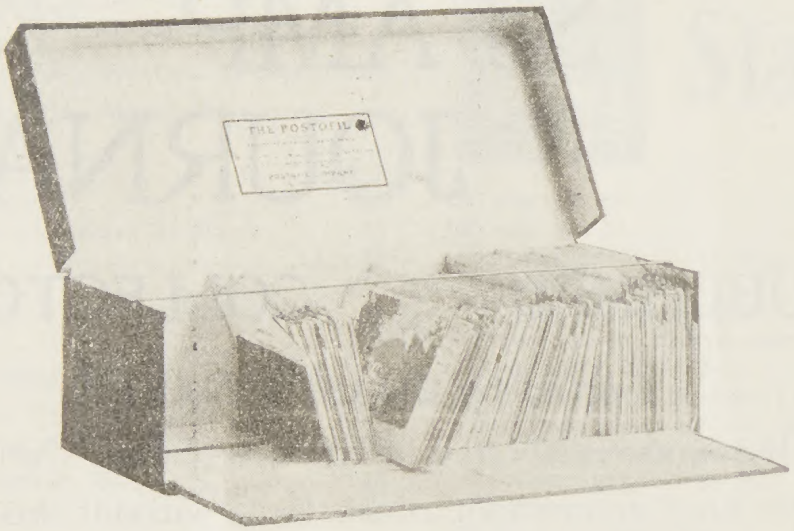
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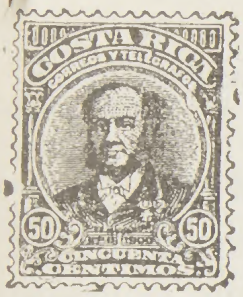
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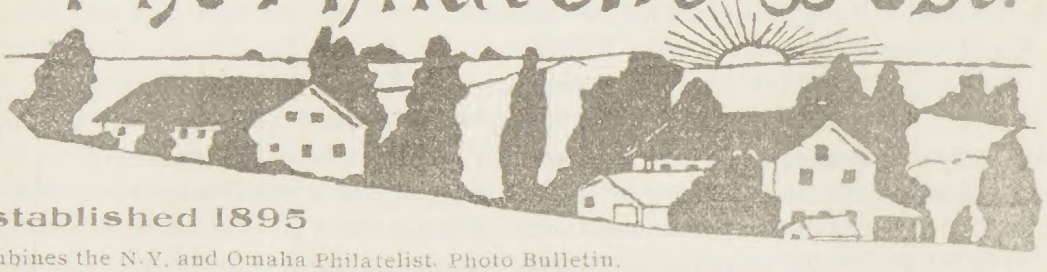
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FRANK P. BREUER was born in 1883, and began collecting in 1898. Joined the Southern Phil, Association and is a very enthusiastic worker in the Association. Has lived in Clinton, all his life, and is a clothing clerk by occupation. He has been ten years with his present employer. Has read the WEST ever since he began collecting and says it is the best paper of its kind in the world. Always glad to meet collectors or to hear from any. Collects U. S and Colonies and Canada.

Look up his ads in the WEST

L. CORNEIL GULLY is Supt of Post Office at Augusta Station, Little Rock, Ark. Has been in post office service 5 years, and previous to that was in the book and stationery business for 2 years in Little Rock.

From 1896 to 1901 he was bookkeeper in the State Treasurer's office during the incumbency of Ranson Gully, his father. While here he became interested in historical papers, curios, stamps etc. He is now interested in the fine phosphate, zinc in manganese fields of North Arkansas along the White River Valley.

JOHN F. ABORN, Real estate dealer and a resident of Worcester, Mass. For over 35 years collector and dealer in stamps, curios and souvenir post cards. He is interested in photography and mineralogy. Glad to exchange stamps, view cards and photographs with advanced collectors every where, especially in foreign lands. He has been a reader of Philatelic West and Camera News for over ten years and think it is the best collectors magazine published.

Has a lot of good stamp papers to exchange for stamps and souvenir cards, Western and Southern cards especially desired.

The National "Vice" President of the J.J.C. She is "Mischeivous May" Somers, J. J. 835, and was born on Jan 27, 1885

She has laughing brown eyes and hair of brownish hue,
Five feet seven and weighs 122,
Winning ways, ruby lips and roguish smile
A great big jollier who will beguile.
A graduate of Public School No. 9,
And of Panies Business College too.
Captain of a Basket Ball team,
And leader in societies not a few.
Now I think you know me pretty well,
So come along and don't stay in your shell,
But send for particulars of our J. J. C. in a letter,
And learn to know her better.
She also exchanges post cards.

$2250 For A PENNY STAMP.—A total of about $10,000 was realized by a two days sale of rare postage stamp collections. The gem of the sale was a copy of the "Post Office" Mauritus 1 d. stamp of 1847, one of the greatest rarities known to philatelists. Bidding rose from $1000, to $2250, at which figure the stamp was acquired by a well known private collector. Recently a very fine unused copy of the Mauritius 2d. "blue" was sold for $7 254 at auction.

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Official Organ---PHILATELIC WEST.

SECRETARY'S MONTHLY REMINDER.

It is with a great feeling of satisfaction that I offer for the approval of members the applications of five prospectives, and I take great pleasure in extending my thanks, as well as an expression of the appreciatoin of the So. ciety, those who have taken sufficient interest in its welfare to extend a helping hand and assist in guiding its steps in the right direction.

Now that our membership roll has started to grow, let us hope that the next few months will see a large increase in the number of applications to be reported. Remember, if each member will secure but one application the Society will double its present membership, can you not help?

I wisn to request members to send notification at once of change in address, also to advise promptly if the official organ does not reach them regularly. It is, no doubt, a big undertaking to publish and deliver a magazine of the "WEST'S" proportions promptly and Mr. Brodstnie is sincere in his desire to have as little dissatisfaction as possible and will, upon notification forward another copy whenever a list number is reported.

Among the suggestions which have been offered for the improvement of the Society, I find—Scheme to establish an exchange department, and a series of auction sales among members and in this connection I wish to state that while I consider each of these ideas good and well worthy of consideration, the assistance and co operation of many members will be necessary to make it a success and the only means of gathering any definite idea of the feeling of the majority is through the medium of correspondence. Let me know what your idea is and what you have to assist in insuring its success, and I will do everything possible to help—a postal will do.

The following applicants will be admitted to membership, upon payment of balance of dues, if no objection is received by the Secretary before April 30th. 1908.

157. R E. Gerspacher, Bx 62, Grand Island, Neb. Proposed by L T. Brodstone and R. J Mundell; also member M. P. A. No. 334 and Nebraska Phil Soc'y

155. Wm.R. Manthe, Delhi, Ont. By T E. Morgar, & A W. Crysler.

158. James Mewhort. Crossfield, Alberta. References, Canadian Bank of Commerce and R. J. Mundell.

159. E C. Jones, Delhi, Ont. By T. E. Morgan and W. W. Morgan.

160. Gregory Clark, 66 Howland Ave., Toronto, Ont. By A. H. Brown and Ernest Reynolds

No objections having been received, Mr. Stephen Colder has been admitted to membership.

Don't forget your new one—Send his application to R. J. Mundell, Box 733, Montreal, Canada.

Fiscal Department

I have attempted to fill the part of Fiscal Editor of the WEST and I will be pleased to receive notes at any time of new issues and of variaties not catalogued of old issues and all such sent me will be noted here with proper credit. F. A. Brown, East Peru, Iowa. Lock Box 7.

(Continued from last issue).

1879—165x205 mm.—large figures Series of 1879 Stp 67x38. 12 2 oz, blue. 13. 2 oz red. 14. 2 oz brown. 15 2 oz gold 205x285. 16. 4 oz gold 2060x340. 17. 8 oz gold.

1880—140x165, Liberty series of 1880, Stp 67x38. 18. 1 oz gold. 19. 1 oz blue. 20. 1 oz red. 21. 2 oz gold 22. 2 oz blue.

1883—145x158—Series of 1883—stamp 666x40 mm. 23 1 oz gold. 24. 1 oz carmine. 25 1 oz blue 26. 1 oz black, 175x225, Stp 70x52. 27. 2 oz gold. 28. 2 oz blue, 205x280 Stp 95x52 29 4 oz gold. 260x340 Stp 102x66. 30. 8 oz gold.

By referring to the WEST for January will be found descriptions of the Iowa and Texas Feed Tax Tags. No 3, under the Iowa list, has now been replaced by No. 5, which is described in WEST for March. No. 5 is issued in strips of five vertical and is rouletted 1 horizontally. I presume that No. 3 was issued in the same way Nos. 1 and 2 are issued in strips of four vertical roulette 1. No. 4 is issued in sheets five vertically and four horizontally. Perforated.

Also the Texas tags, I have a new one to add. No. 9 had in the upper right corner "1817—906—1 Mil". No. 10 is the same as No. 9 except upper right corner has "8—1006—1 Mil"

There are side lines of Fiscal collecting that strongly appeal to me. I will mention a few. Iowa and Texas Feed Tax Tags; Town and City Special Tax or License, such as Billiard and Pool Hall, Saloon and Peddlars licenses. They are as truly Fiscals as any of the municipal Fiscals of Great Britain. Again, the Brass Tags for Express and dray wagons tacked on the wagon are as much evidence of the tax paid as the stamp stuck on a deed. Likewise the tag your dog must have on his collar has its counterpart in the Dog License of Ireland. If you run across anything in these lines let me know.

I notice in a recent report of the "Fiscal Philatelic Society" (England) that Mr. Marsh sent a set of impressions of Great Britain Embossed Duty dies running as high as £11.250 ($54.450). How would you like to buy that value unused?

The October and November numbers of Morley's Phil. Jour., had an excellent catlogue of Fiscals of Luxembourg. November and December gives a reference list of Salvador Fiscals to be continued.

Here is a list of Values of Impressed duty stamps (or stamps printed on the document) as given in M. P. J., in the last few numbers See the length of the purse—perhaps we would better say the size of the barrel required to get them unused: 1d, 2d. 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 8d, 9d, 10d. 1sh, 1sh, 3d, 1sh 3d. 1sh 9d. 2sh, 2sh 6d, 3sh. 3sh 9d, 4sh, 5sh. 6sh, 6sh 3d, 7sh 6d, 9 sh. 10sh, 12sh 6d. 15sh, 17sh 6d, 1£, 1£ 2sh 6d. 1£ 5sh. 1£ 7sh 6d, 1£ 10sh, 1£ 12sh 6d. 1£ 15sh, 1£ 17sh 6d. 2£, 2£ 5 sh. 2£ 10sh, 2£ 15sh, 3£, 3£ 5sh. 3£ 10 sh, 3£ 15sh. 4£, 4£ 10sh, 5£, 5£ 10sh, 6£, 6£ 10sh, 7£, 7£ 10sh, 8£, 8£ 10 sh. 9£, 10£, 12£. 15£, 20£. 25£, 30£ 35£ 40£, 45£, 50£ 55£, 60£, 65£, 70£. 75£, 80£, 85£, 90£, 95£, 100£, 120£, 150£, 200£. 250£, 300£, 350£, 400£, 500£. 600£, 900£.

1000£, 1500£, 2000£, 3000£, 5000£, 15000£.

U. S. Tobacco Stamps Continued.

Chewing Tobacco:—on tin foil, Series of 1879: Wrapper 165x125 mm stamps 67x38. 12, 2 oz blue. 13, 2 oz red 14, 2 oz brown, 15, 2 oz gold. Wrapper 205x285. 16, 4 oz gold: wrapper 260x340. 17, 8 oz gold. Series of 1880, Stamp 67x38. 18, 1 oz gold. 19,1 oz blue. 20,1 oz red. 21,2 oz gold. 22, 2 oz blue. Series of 1883; stamp 66x40. 23, 1 oz gold. 24,1 oz carmine. 25, 1 oz blue. 26. 1 oz black. Stamp 70x52. 27, 2 oz gold. 28, 2 oz blue. Stamp 95x58. 29, 4 oz gold. Stamp 102x66. 30, 8 oz gold. Series of 1898. 31, 1 oz gold. 32, 1 oz blue; are all I know of. Hope some of readers will supply further date.

Series 1902: 33. 1 oz gold. I judge that there should be 2 oz, 4 oz and 8 oz stamps for the 1898 and 1902 Series. Let us hear rfom you.

(To be continued.)

Amateur Investment--by J. Heslop of Eng

Now and then there are stamps on the market that attract a good deal of attention,and there are collectors who not only buy a set for their albums, but also an extra set as an investment. But opinions differ as to when is the right time to sell,and the following remarks are offered as an attempt to throw a little light on this matter.

Some stamps have their "day." Usually it is a brief and fretful period, when the stamps are much sought after and the eye of the wold is on them. But when the day of the stamp is gone not so many people are anxious to get it. It has glided down the stream out of immediate ken The field of enthusiastic purchasers is considerably narrower. People cease to be fretful about a stamp when it has sunk below the horizon and is out of sight.

The stamps, in order to yield some return on the outlay,have to be held either for a very short time, or for a very long time. Take the case of the 4d South Nigeria multiple: it was possible to sell a copy or two a year ago at 8d or 10d apiece. That was holding them for a short time. Now the latest buying list values them at no more than face. In order to realise 8d or 10d again the remaining copies will have to be held for some time to come.

The reason for this is that the stamp was popular a year ago; it was believed to be a "good" stamp, and collectors readily gave 8d But too many people, it seems laid by a dozen or two, and they are now trying to sell,with the result that there are more sellers than buyers.

Three stages are thus revealed: the date of issue or withdrawal, when the stamp is in request; the intermediate period, when the stamp has lost its glamour; and the distant future: when newcomers in the field will want it for their collection. Three courses of action are thus open to the holder of a dozen of these stamps. The first method of sale will bring the smallest gain, but it will find a ready market. (From the second predicament may the fates preserve the reader). The third course requires patience, it means a less enthusiastic field of buyers, and a higher price which may be difficult to get. Moreover there are sensible proverbs that seem dead against it: a nimble ninepence is better than a slow shilling,and small profits bring quick returns. The chances are great that the man who sells quickly, and while the stamp is in request,is more fortunate in the long run than the man who

locks things up in his safe for an indefinite period. The other day a collector was vainly trying to sell Ceylon Service Kings at two-thirds the price he could have got 2 years ago. Since then the cry of forgeries has scared the people, or the stamps have lost their first fascination. A hundred fine used Lagos chalkies were recently sold at auction (the values were above 1d) for 1£; it would have been wiser for the holder to have sold them sooner. Locking up stapms sometimes involves risks; it would seem better to sell while one has the chance. Again, when a stamp has risen to a high price collectors incline to "let it go." Today 2½d Leewards chalky is cheap at 6d, and 1000 collectors will give that price; when advanced to half a crown, perhaps not 100 would give that price. How many collectors who missed the 2s 6d Lagos C. A at 2s 11d would now pay on to £2 for a copy? The opinion that most stamps increase in value the longer you keep them is true. Papuas, multiple Caymans, Brunei, and Straits on Labuan, etc will no doubt increase value, and those who put by any surplus for a year or two should not be disappointed. The same is true of 2s 6d Northern Nigeria C. A. and others. Yet experience shows that such stamps sell more readily when in the heyday of thieir popularity, and may not be so easy to sell when they have attained to high prices.

Is St. Vincent multiple, with the writer, sold well at 2s at the outset, but the last one or two copies had to be cleared out at 1s 6d. However much this stamp may rise in future, the fact remains that it hung fire within a year of its withdrawal; probably all who were interested in it were already supplied with copies. Rather than allow it to drift into the "intermediate" stage it was thought best to clear it out at a reduced price. Some day it may be worth 5s, and of course to a patient man it may be worth keeping till that time. As stated above, there are three courses open to pursue. Different people have different views, but the wisest practical plan may be to "make hay while the sun shines." and sell the "extra set" while it is in demand.

LARGEST STAMP SOCIETY IN AMERICA

Stamp Collector's Protective Association of America

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 3, 1899.

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Official Organ, The WEST.

We expect to give a list of parties complained of in next issue if nothing is heard from them. Some of them are dealers.

New Members are as follows:—E. King, N. Y. City, 141 E. 19th St. Dr. J. Brooks, Golden City, Mo J. Helsop, Walvendon, Woburn Beds, England. A. Connelly, Downs Kans. R'd 3 Shirley Connell, Manchester, O. E. Cox, Hartland, Wis. Robt. Gentry, Sonora, Ky. T. Lynch, Nyack, N. Y., 123 Depew Ave. S. A. Cox, Humbolt, Kans. John Hall, Rochester, Minn. T. S. Hill, Woods, Okla. G. Brown, Brooklyn, N. Y., 215 Atlantic Ave. J Kaler, Ada, Okla. J. Afborn, Worcester, Mass., 70 Merrick St. B. J. Bishop, Superior. Wyo. Louis Rojoy, Parker, Colo , Bx 7. G. Bryan, Ticonderoga. N. Y. A. Grutzmacher. Mukwonago, Wis. K. B. Squires, Greenfield, N. Y.

THE KANSAS CITY STAMP CLUB

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 1905

Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at 7:45 P. M. in the Auditorium of the Dillenbeck School of Oratory, third floor of the K. C. Post Building, corner of Mcgee and Tenth Streets. Visitors are always welcome.

Officers for 1907

President—Charles F. Rouse	4154 Oak Street
Vice President—O. Sutorius	1400 East Fifteeut Street
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Exchange Superintendent and Auction Manager—O Paul Luther	15 East Thirty fourth Street
Critic—Donovan Malcolmson	3728 Main Street
Sargent—Robert Woodward	1310 East Fourteenth Street

Official Organs—The WEST and Redfield's Stamp Weekly

Executive Committee: Charles F. Rouse, O. Sutorius, Arthur L. Nelson, Carl S. Davis.

Recruiting Committee: H.K. Poindexter chairman, Arthur L. Nelson, O. Sutorius, Robert C Woodward

LIBRARIANS' REPORT March 29th 1908

A number of donations to our society's library have been received since my last report which appeared in the January issue. Pesonally I wish to express my appreciation—the club has already done so by vote of thanks—to the following members and others for their co operation in building up our own library.

From Mr. Rouse 22 copies of miscellaneous literature including current magazines and auction sale catalogues. From Mr. Frank Bescher 58 pieces including 53 American and European papers and 5 auction sale catalogues all being issues of 1907. From Mr. Luther 44 copies of auction sale catalogues and price lists of various dealers also quite a number of newspaper clippings relating to philately or matters of special in'etest to philatelists From Mr. Davis 49 acution sale catalogues "Carter Messenger" and "The Denver Stamp Journal" have been donated for the benefit of our library by the publishers. "The Philatelic Almanac" for 1907 has been purchased for the library. Other members have promised donations including several of considerable quantity. A report upon those received will be printed in the next issue of the WEST. Respectfully Arthur L Nelson Librarian.

SECRETARYS' MONTHLY REPORT March 29, 1908

The second regular meeting of the Kansas City Stamp Club of the year was called to order by the president at 8:24 p. m. Friday January 24, 1908. Fourteen members answered to roll call: Messrs Nelson, Poindexter, Luther, Bescher, Rouse, Frank Davis, Woodward, Heffer, D Malcolmson, Sutorius, J. Malcolmson, Fonlk and Hayum. Mr. L T. Brodstone, honorary member from Superior, Nebraska, and Mr. Shepherd of this city were present as visitors. Mr. Davis, for the anniversary entertainment committee outlined the program as it had been decided upon by the committ e and minor details arranged. The secretary reported that 1000 folders had been printed giving reasons why any stamp collector not already a member, should join our society Upon motin by the secetary seconded by M. Bescher $1.00 was appropriated from the treasury for mailing 100 to the leading philatelists of the the country. Mr. Donovan Malcolmson whose turn it was to arrange the contest started a competitive exhibit of postage stamps having a map as a part of their design would be the subject of the contest for the anniversary meeting Three splendid prizes offered for the largest exhibit of DIFFERENT MAPS Upon motion made by Mr. Pondexter, application fees will be set aside in the future for subscribing to the current philatelic periodicals which will be issued to members applying for them as received. The treas-

(Continued under the report of the Junior Stamp Club of Denver.)

St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society

President	Chester Myers
Vice President	Adelbert Strauss
Treasurer	J. H. Humes, 4127 Chouteau Ave
Secretary	Geo. Wood, 3920 Maffitt Ave
Sales Supt. and Librarian	S. M. Schoeman
Auction Manager	H. A. Diamant
Entertainment Committee	F. N. Chase, Chairman
Recruiting Committee	Geo. Wood, Chairman

March 4, 1908

The Seventy Eighth regular meeting of this Society was held Tuesday March 3rd, at the usual place and time. President Myers in the chair. Thirteen members and one visitor present, Anschuetz, Baer, Bain, Boisselier, Bollman, Diamant, Humes, Low, Millhouse, Myers, Schoeman, Schoeman, Sisson and Wood.

The Exchange Manager read a letter from W. E. Ault, Sales Superintendent of the Louisville Philatelic Club with regard to exchanging circuits. Mr. Sisson moved the communication be filed.

The application of Messrs Fuesel, Haintz and Low were brought up and they were declared elected.

The "Germany" competition brought out five collections, and the President appointed Messrs. Bain, Humes, Millhouse and Schoeman as Judges. The percentages awarded were not so high as in the Netherlands contest but again the closeness of the competitors was remarkable only eleven points separating first and last, the award being as follows:—Delafield 80, Wood 79, Myers 73. Low 71, Sisson 69

Dr. Baer had his splendid collection of 20th century in unused condition on exhibition.

Application received Philip H. Ward, Jr., 1756 Penn Ave., Washington, D. C. Proposed by F. R Cornwall.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday March 17th, Rooms 803 805 Wright Building, Corner 8th and Pine Sts. Next competition will be France on March 31st. This contest will be limited to the Major varieties only so that we may have had a large number of entries.

March 18, 1908

The seventy ninth regular meeting of this Society was held Tuesday March 17th at the usual place and time. President Myers on the chair.

Whether Ireland's Patron Saint had anything to do with it as some suggested or not the fact remains that we had the biggest turn out that we have had for over a year upon his natal day, the number coinciding with the date, seventeen,—being the following: Anschuetz, Baer, Bain, Bollman, Chase, Kennedy, Diamant, Haintz, Hubert, Humes, Low, Millhouse, Myers. Ruedi, Schoeman, Voelker and Wood

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The application of Philip H. Ward, Jr., 1756 Penn Ave , Washington, D. C., was brought up and he was duly declared elected.

The President reported for the Chairman of the Emblem Committee that a new design might be necessary.

The Chairman of the Recruiting Committee reported that he had gotten together another list of 29 names of supposed collectors who were being communicated with.

The Chairamn of the Entertainment Committee reported that so far the

following members had donated stamps to the Prize Fund Myers, $15.00, Delafield, $13.05, Wood $5.08 and he trusted that others would respond as liberally and without delay.

The entertainment of the evening was provided by the Committee in the form of ten questions which we afterwards found out had taken them two evenings to get together, if they had said it took them two weeks to do it we would have believed them for they were simply fierce Mr. Schoeman came out on top of the contest with 71 points, followed by Wood 57, Myers 48 etc. This ended not only the best attended but most interesting and lively meeting we have had in a long time. If our new members continue to increase as we believe they will a New Club Room Committee will be in order shortly.

Applications received, H. Wesley Legg, Dorchester Centre, Mass., proposed by G. Wood; Fred E. Voelker, 4226 St. Louis Ave., proposed by Chester Myers.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday March 31st. Rooms 803 805 Wright Bldg., Cor. 8th and Pine Sts. The entertainment will consist of a competition of France, major varieties only. We fully expect the best turn out yet for that competition.

The Junior Stamp Club of Denver, Colorado

Organized Oct. 19, 1906.

OFFICERS

Honorary President, Dr. H. A. Davis 1622 Welton St
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MINUTES. Mar. 14, 1908

The 31st regular meeting of the J. S. C. of Denver was held Mar 6th regular time at 412 Nassau Bldg., with 11 members and one visitor present. The meeting was called to order with Pres. Nell presiding. The miuntes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Resignation of A. Chappe, was read and accepted. Bill was received from V. N. Garretson for a letter file, same was allowed. Mr. J. C. Skinner was given orders to get any rubber stamps that he might need in connection with the exchange department.

Clarence Jackson of 128 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Denver was admitted to full membership in the J. S. C. Application was received from Neil Kimball, Box A, Golden, Colo. Guaranteed by C. M. Snyder and proposed by R. T. Bunney.

Nomination of officers for the ensuing half year was held at this meeting, resulted in the following members being nominated. Honorary President. H. A. Davis; President, A. L. Nell, James Jackson and Robt, Jackson; 1st V. Pres., C. M. Snyder; 2nd V. Pres., J. C. Skinner; Secretary, V. N. Garretson; Treasurer, S. A. McManus, Bernard Nelson, V. N. Garretson, H.

N. Starrett and E. R. Vanderhoof; Exchange Department, J. C. Skinner; Trustees, S. A. McManus, C. M. Snyder, H. N. Starrett, R. Jackson, J. Jackson, C. Jackson and Fred Fellows.

The entertainment for the evening was given by C. M. Snyder. A prize was given to all the members who participated in this contest

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p. m. after a very jolly evening. Next meeting, election night, will be held at 602 Nassau Bldg. Visitors welcome.

Yours fraternally, V. N. Garretson, Secy.

KANSAS CITY STAMP CLUB, Continued

urer made a statement of the present condition of the treasury. The secretary then presented a medal to the society which had been donated by Mr. Brodstone. It was decided same shall be kept as a permanent medal of this society and presented each year at the anniversary meeting with appropriate ceremony to the member adjudged by the executive committee to have done the most service to the club during the year. The resignations of Mr. Chas. C. Scott and Mr. M. O. Canfield were read and regretfully accepted. The contest arranged by Mr. Woodward was the closing feature of the evening. It consisted of the exhibiton of frames of stamps bearing the likeness of birds, beasts, reptiles and fish upon them. Messrs Nelson Luther and Davis recieved prizes for the largest exhibits. Meeting afterward adjourned to meet again Friday February 14. 1908,

The fourth regular meeting of the Kansas City Stamp Club of the present year was called to order at 8:29 p. m , Friday, February 28, 1908, President Rouse occupying the chair and the following eleven members being present: Messrs. Sutorius, Nelson, Brocesky, Poindexter, Luther, Rouse, Davis, Woodward, D Malcolmson, J. Malcolmson and Hayum Mr. G. Louffer of Kanass City, Kansas was present as a visitor. Mr. Davis made a final report of the committee which had had the programme of the anniversary meeting in charge. The libraries reported the receipt of two donations of auction sale catalogues and magazines of the library from Messrs. Davis and Luther. A vote of thanks was taken. The following members being in arrears as to dues more than three months were dropped from the roll according to Article VI, Section 1 of the constitution: No. 40 Fred Breisch, No. 49 Chester Mellen. The resignation of Mr. Charles Paul Stives was read by the secretary and same was regretfully accepted. The secretary moved that he be authorized to have five hundred application blanks printed as the present supply is almost exhausted. Carried. Mr Davis moved that the following ammendments be made to the constitution: Amendment I. Any non member applying for membership in the K. C. S. C. (active or passive) who presents application after first or before last meeting of any month be allowed to have privileges of club for said month without cost. Amendment II. Any non member tendering his resignation for membership in the K C.S.C. (active or passive) who presents resignation no later than first meeting of any month shall be consideed resigned providing dues for previous months are paid in full. Seconded by Mr. Nelson and carried unanimously. In the usual stamp drawing then held Mr. J Malcolmson and Mr. Woodard drew first and sceond prizes respectively, both choosing their own prizes. Mr. Nelson whose turn it was to prepare the entertainment for the next meeting announced the nature of the programme and offered a cash premium for each new member brought in at this meeting. Mr. Poindexter, chairman of the

recruiting committee, offered a thirty cent Columbian Exposition Stamp in mint condition to the member on the recruiting committee obtaining the best results before June 1st. His request for permission to increase the number of members on the committee was granted. A list of those comprising the committee and their record will be found at the top of the report in the WEST each month beginning with April. A number of communications were read by the secretary. The application of Mr. G. Louffer,21 Park Ave, Kansas City, Kansas for active membership was acted upon favorably. The application of Mr. Irwin H. Joffee was referred to the executive committee. The meeting then adjourned to meet again Friday March 13, 1908 after which a display of the stamps of the Congo Free State in competition for prizes was held, those of Mr. Nelson and Mr. Luther being awarded the prizes on the score of completeness.

The fifth regular meeting of the K. C. S. C. of the year was called to order at 9:00 p. m., Friday March 13, 1908 by Mr. John H. Heffer who was called to the chair on account of the absence of the President. Following nine members answered to the roll call: Messrs. Nelson, Brocesky, Luther, Smith, Davis. Heffer, D. Malcolmson, J. Malclmson and Hayum. Mr. Douthit and Mr. Leon Crowl were present as visitors Minutes of meeting held Friday, February 28, 1908 were read and approved. The treasurer made a monthly report and various recommendations which were referred to the executive committee. The application of M. Irwin H. Joffee, 1400 Linwood Blod., City for active membership was accepted unaniomusly same having been referred to the executive committee at the previous meting and reported favorably. The librarian announced that lists of current magazines being received by the club for the library and books of all kinds now in the library would be posted on the walls at each meeting. Mr. Luther volunteered to have a sign made for the entrance of the building in which we are now located. A communication was read by the secretary. The following members were dropped from the membership list they being more than three months in arrears as to dues: No. 58 Mr. R. B. Kimbrell, No. 52 Mr. Edwin H. Ellis. A proposal by Mr. Davis to conduct a philateilc lottery as a private enterprise at future meetings in which the club would receive 5 percent of the profits was voted negatively. The meeting then adjourned. Entertainment provided by Mr. Nelson took up the remainder of the evening, features of which were the reading of a paper entitled "The Richest Find of Rarest Stamps" or "One of the Most Remarkable Chapters in the History of Philately" giving an account of the great find of St. Louis Postmaster Provisionals made at Louisville, Ky., some years ago, a stamp guessing contest in which prizes were awarded for the nearest guesses to the actual number of postage stamps enclosed in a glass jar. The number of stamps was 1218 and the guesses ranged from 638 to 3000. A contest for prizes in which the members were asked, first, to list the celebrities whose portraits have appeared or at present are to be fonud on United States postage stamps, second, to name the coins whose value is expressed on the postage stamps of the British Empire. The winners of the guessing contest were Mr. Davis and Mr. Hayum and of the second contest, Mr. Luther and Mr. Davis,each receiving a prize. An exhibition by Mr. T. Fishman and Mr. Nelson of several hundred old United States and scarce foreign original covers was arranged on the walls. The meeting broke up after an auction sale of twenty lots.

Respectfully submitted, Arthur L. Nelson, Sec'y.

Southern Philatelic Association

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Dear Fellow Members:—It affords me unusual pleasure to announce to you, the appointment of Mr. L. L. Dickerson, of Fitzgerald, Ga., as Chairman of the Recruiting Committee, an office eminently fit, for such an energetic Philatelist, whose untiring efforts, secured for us, a large increase in membership, and I wish to thank Mr Dickerson, for the work he has done for our Society.

Mr. Saxby, who for some time, held the office of Counterfeit Detector, has informed us of his inability, to longer act in that capacity, and Mr. Eben S. Martin, an expert in Stampdom has accepted the above named office, and the future of our Society looks indeed bright, with the different departments in the hands of the present incumbents.

In regard to the Auction Department, I will briefly state that Bro. Brodstone had inserted the list of lots of our first sale free of charge but informed me that from now on the charge would be $2.00 per ½ page, the Dept. however, is not as yet in the shape to throw off such a revenue to cover an expense incurred throuhg charges for printing, I am therefore sorry to state that the Auction Dept will for the present cease to exist, until such a time, when it will insure enough income to be self sustaining.

Fraternally yours, Fred G. Fuessel, Pres.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, March 20th, 1908.

66 books in circulation as per last month's report, value	$1415.59
20 " received since, value	311.19
86 books, value	$1726.78
5 " retired during the month of which the amount of $25.69 was sold, value	115.15
81 books in circulation, value	$1611.68

INSURANCE FUND.

Amount on hand as per last month's report	$63.74
1 per cent from retired books	1.15
Total	$64.89

I have nothing particular to say in this report, except to urge members to handle all circuits promptly and forward books as soon as possible. If you can forward a circuit today, do not wait till tomorrow: better service would be obtained both in regard to receiving circuits more regularly and in getting the new ones started.

Blank books with printed rules of this Department and holding 120

stamps will be furnished at the rate of 5c each.

Respectfully submitted, Charles Roemer, Superintendent.

NEW MEMBERS.

1. Chas. H. Smith, Smithton, Pa.
2. K. Plympton, Laguna Beach, Calif.
3. Robt. C. Miller, M. O. Dept., Des Moines, Iowa.
4. Wm. L. Parker. Box 55, Route 24, Morgan Hill, Calif.
5. Ira C. Greene, Box 142, Leominster, Mass.
6. Andrew J. Pietsch, 756 Reservoir St., Baltimore, Myd.
7. G. B. Ryman, Fitzgerald, Ga.
8. Iver R. Johnson, 1217 N. Rockwell St., Chicago, Ill.
9. B. S. Colburn, 215 Burns Ave , Detroit, Mich.
10. Harry M. Lindsay, 1003 W. North Ave., Baltimore, Myd.
11. P. M. Wolsieffer. 1011 N. 5th Ave., Maywood, Ill.
12. John R. Beatty, Butte, Nebr.
13. Wm. H. Matthes, 818 21st St., Milwaukee, Wis.
14. A. Yaremdji, 40, 41. 42 Tidjaret Han, Constantinople, Turkey.
15. George Wood, 3920 Moffitt Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
16. Sam M Schoemann, 4036 McPherson Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
17. Dr Paul Baer, 1016 Biddle St , St. Louis, Mo.

REINSTATED.

272. Chas. H Nammack Borough Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y.
314. Dr. Chas. L. Cadding, Duluth, Minn.

APPLICATIONS.

1. Floyd Reid, Renville, Minn , 21, printer and stamp dealer, R. L. Doak, W. A. Reid.
2. R. E. Gerspacher, Grand Island, Nebr., artist, L. Brodstone, R.L. Doak.
3. F. Noyes, Alice, Texas, 52, real estate, Charles Roemer, R.L. Doak.
4. C. Bangs, c-o Custom House, Savannah, Ga., 54, Deputy collector, W. F. Osborne, J. P. Johnson.
5. D. C. Thomas, Box 118, Abingdon, Va., 45, I. R. Service, R. L. Doak, Chas. Waring.
6. Leon G. Myers, 309 W. Main St., Clinton, Ill., 19, student, F. P. Brener, Dr. J. C. Myers.
7. Arthur P. Cook, 65 S. Main St., Oberlin, Ohio, 22, mechanic, J. C. Rice, H. A. Cook.
8. Ernest D. Murdock, 32 Swan St., Rochester, N. Y., 35, camera maker, R. L. Doak, L. D. Tait.
9. Gilbert R. Sharp, People's Ave., Cor. 9th St., Troy, N. Y., 16, student. Toledo Stamp Co., R. L. Doak.
10. I. F. Bingham, 110 N. Oxford St., Brooklyn, N. Y., 18, stock reporter. R L. Doak, H. C. Menze.
11. B. L. Voorhees, 1319 Lawrence Ave., Chicago, Ill., Fire Ins., F. P. Brener, Amer. Tr. & Savings Bank.
12. Geo. W. Vorhis, South Charleston, Ohio, 41, clergyman, S.B. Ashbrook, Citizen's Bank.
13. E. L. Maxson, Winter Park, Fla., 62, postmaster and druggist, R. L. Doak.
14. Charles C. Morrison, 3215 Elsinare Square, Pittsburgh, Pa., Att'y

at law, A. C. Thompson. Jno, A. McAdams.

15. L. Mathien, Beloeil Sta, Box 107, Quebec, Canada, 19, bookkeeper, E. Archetto, H. S. Powell.

16. J. W. Dickinson, Box 520, Kamloops, B. C. Canada; 45,clergyman, R. L. Doak, Canadian Phil. Society.

17 W. F. Gregory 116 Nassau St., New York City; 56, stamp dealer, Chas. Roemer, Geo. R. Tuttle.

18. Karl Longee, East Tilton, N. H.; 16, student, L. Brodstone, H. H. Trulock.

Write me for blanks—plenty on hand.

Fraternally yours, R. L. Doak, Secy-Treas.

THE GEORGIA STAMP CLUB.

Branch No. 1 of the Southern Philatelic Association, Fitzgerald, Ga.

The fortieth regular meeting of the Georgia Stamp Club was called to order at eight o'clock p. m. Friday March 13th, '08 by president S. C. Davis. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Librarian's report was received and approved.

Exchange Manager Dickerson made his report for the period February first to March 15th, '08 as follows:—Books in circulation January 31st, 08' $117.10. Books received since Jan 31st, 39 14. Total, 156 24. Books returned to date 156 24. No books in circulation March 15th '08.

It was decided that the Exchange Manager should make a report every fifteen days, showing amounts of books cicrulated during the past fifteen days and showing the credits and debits of each member at date of report. Also that all books in the Exchange Department should be checked out and returned to owners every fifteen days.

The question of a regular club room which has been before the Club for some time, was again brought up and thoroughly considered. It was determined to await the completion of the Garbutt-Donovan Building which will be in about sixty days and then rent suitable rooms therein.

Secretary was instructed to purchase "What Philately Teaches" by John N. Luff, and "Notes Upon United States and Confederate Stamps and Their Varieties" by Geo. L. Toppan. Also to pay a year's subscription to the Denver Stamp Journal.

The meeting adjourned to meet agan Friday evening March 20th, '08.

Very Respectfully, W. F. Osborne, Secy.

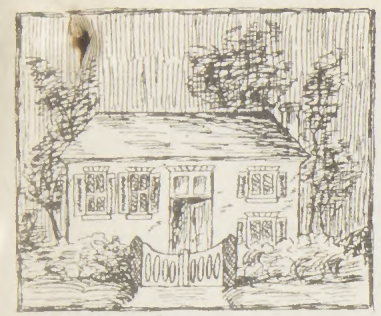
A RECRUITING WORD.

The Committee on recruiting is very anxious to impress on every member of the S. P. A. the need of active effort during the next few months. We have set the mark at 300 members by convention date and this number can only be attained by steady persistent work. It is not hard to secure new members and if each member would secure only one new one, look at the result. Get after that friend of yours. He will join if you will explain a few of the advantages and give him a blank. Blanks can be secured from the Secretary or any member of the recruiting committee.

Now let us all pull and push together. You will want a share in the credit when we next convene, so send in that friend's application.

Let the watchword be 300 August 1, '08. We can do it.

L. L. Dickerson, Chm.



ACROSS THE POND



By Y. C. Aufder Heide S. H. D' Amsterdam

A STAMP THEFT

A stamp theft by burglars has been committed in Amsterdam. In the night from 11 to 12 February thieves entered the shop of a well known Amsterdam Stamp dealer. The burglary was accomplished as follows: The thieves have stolen in by day, and have gone to the upper floors which are for the present not occupied. When night had fallen, they came down and by means of a saw made hole in the wooden wall of the shop. Through this hole they entered the shop and office of the unhappy dealer.

Some books with good stamps, among others a book of English Colonials, value £75 to £80, three just arrived complete Austrian Jubilee sets, an album filled with stamps, envelopes, 57 sheets with cheap sets, old letter with stamps on them, and a great number of rare single stamps. Among these were Great Britain £5.0,0 , 2—£1 brown, £1, anchor, U. S. 1847, 5 and 10 cents, Naples 50 Grana, Naples ½ Tonese, 30 complete sets, de Ruyter stamps, surcharged as due stamps. some old German stamps, 15 sets of 50 different Luxemburg, and last but not least, a complete set U. S. Newspaper stamps of 1875, catalogued by Senf at M'ks, 870.—! This list is not yet complete as our stamp dealer dealt also in coins and curiosities,—and hear, what the thieves liked among these goods: First, of Coronation plates, given to all children at school, when H. M. Wilhelmine mounted on the throne of the Netherlands, and which are now eagerly sought after; a complete set of coins of the late President of the South African Republic, Paul Kruger; 14 American one and a half dollars, among them some octagons, one 2½ dollar piece, three dutch 10 florin pieces, portrait of Queen with loose hair, as it appears on the stamps of 1891 94,3 old dutch 5 florin pieces and a great many other gold and silver coins

The total worth is given as fls 4884.—or about $2,000.

The dealer was insured against theft. The renowned Amsterdam "Reherrche", as here the detectives are called, is hard at work to find the burglars, but five days has now gone by without any result.

ANOTHER THEFT.

The next day two albums were stolen from a physician living also in Amsterdam by thieves entering his study through the street door with a false key. I hope to be able to send more particiulras next month, as I think my readers will be interested in learning about these two first stamp burglaries in Amsterdam.

The American Junior Philatelic Assoc'n

Organized May 20, 1907. Re-organized Jan. 6, 1908.

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President ..... John Champion, Coldwater, Mich.
Vice President ..... John Walker "
Sec'y-Treasurer ..... George Holbrook "
Librarian ..... John Walker "
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MINUTES OF BRANCH 1. Jan. 20, 1908.

The 22nd regular meeting was held at 107 E. Chicago, St. with every member and two visitors present. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Champion. The Secy. read minutes of last meetng which were approved. There being no business the members adjourned to the exhibit which was of British Colonies. The prizes were as follows: 1st, Mr. John Walker; 2nd, Mr. Holbrook; 3rd, Mr. Woodward; 4th Mr. Tuttle; 5th, Mr. Clark, 6th, Mr. W. Walker.

Adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully, submitted, Geo. T. Holbrook, Secy.

MINUTES OF BRANCH 1. Feb. 3, 1908.

The 23rd regular meeting of Branch 1, was held at 169 Pearl St, Coldwater, Mich. There were six members present. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. There being no business the motion to adjourn was carried. The host had prepared an entertainment and club adjounrned at 8:20

Respectfully, Geo. T. Holbrook, Secy.

MINUTES OF BRANCH 1, Feb. 17, 1908.

The 24th regular meeting of Branch 1 met at 215 Chicago St, Coldwater, Mich. One member of Branch 1 was absent and a member of A. J. P. A. from Laurence, Mass. was present. No business came before meeting. A motion to adjourn was carried. An exhibit of Dutch German and Portugese Colonies was furnished for entertainment. The prizes are as follows: 1st, Mr. Clarke, 2nd, Mr. Tuttle, 3rd, Mr. Holbrook, 4th, Mr. Wm. Walker. Adjourned at 8:30.

Yours Respectfully, Geo. T. Holbrook, Secy

MINUTES OF BRANCH 1. March 2, 1908.

The 25th regular meeting of Branch 1, was held at 170 E. Chicago St. Coldwater, Mich. Every member, and one visitor and Byron Cleveland, a member of A. J. P. A. from Laurence, Mass. It was decided that the next exhibit was to be of U. S. stamps. After a pleasant evening the club adjourned at 8:35.

Yours respectfully, Geo. T. Holbrook, Secy.

The applications for membership are Ralph Conner, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., with Mr. J. W. Champion of Coldwater, Mich. and Mrs. Geo. Conner, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., for reference.

The new Swiss stamps are out; all of the European papers unite in poking fun at them, especially at the 5c with William Tell's little boy and a gigantic crossbow; a British paper very appropriately calls the lad a "strap-hanger." Queer things in stamps some European countries are turning out nowadays.

Stampic Town--by L. Crandall

(Written several years ago)

James Henry was angry. The most casual glance thrown in his direction by an entire stranger would have indicated that fact. With a flushed face and an angry heart, he went about his evening chores, casting from time to time a malicious glance towards his father, to whom he owed his present trouble. "What's the use of a fellow trying to do anything, anyhow" he muttered, answering with a scowl the call of his mother to supper. For James Henry was in trouble. That very day his father had told him, in fact, commanded him, to dispose of his stamp collection before the week was over. He didn't want a lot of old worthless pieces of paper lying around, taking up room and always in the way; besides being the suspected cause of the disappearance of one dollar which James had recently earned and which had been placed in his small bank by his father, but which had mysteriously disappeared a week or so ago, and altho Mr. Henry said nothing he believed, from the sudden augmentation of his son's collection, that he knew where the money had gone and consequently determined that the collection must go, "it took up too much room anyway."

Measured by its monetary value, the collection was small. Sold to a dealer it would not fetch $5 but to James Henry it represented countless sacrifices during the single year that had been occupied in its formation. Every cent that he could possibly earn, every stamp that he could beg had gone into that collection and now in two days he was to lose it all. The bare thought overwhelmed him. With a dry sob he choked down his supper and hurried into the large comfortable sitting room where he stretched himself out on the lounge in front of the blazing log fire whose effects soon began to be felt and the boy abandoned himself and his troubles and gently glided into the land of dreams. It seemed to him that he was suddenly awakened by hearing a small voice crying "James Henry, James Henry." He looked about carefully and finally saw directly in front of him the cause of all this disturbance, the funniest, queerest, smallest little man that he had ever heard or dreamed of. The very sight caused him to forget all his present troubles and go into a spasm of laughter which lasted several minutes. The little man said not a word; did not even smile but waited patiently until the boy had finished, then handed him a card which read as follows: "Mr. O G Fine. Special Representative Her Majesty 'The Queen of Adhesives,' Stampic Land"

James Henry gazed at the card for a few moments, speechless with astonishment, until Mr. O. G Fine ventured to explain his presence by saying: "I have been commissioned by my Queen to find a stamp collector and bring him to Stampic Land for a visit this very night. You are the first person that I have approached and the chance of a lifetime is open to you." In James Henry's state of mind it did not take him long to decide. "I'll go," he said simply, "but how am I to get there since I am so large?" "Easy enough," responded the visitor, whom we will call O G. for short; "simply wish yourself smaller and you will be so immediately. It is a virtue possessed only by stamp collectors"

James Henry scarcely believing, did so, and to his surprise found himself quickly shrinking until he was no larger than his companion whom he percieved was dressed in the extreme of fashion and presented quite a dapper

appearance: "How are we to get to Stampic Land?" quite naturally asked the boy. "Here is our steed," responded O. G. drawing from his pocket a copy of the 5c 1903 Mexico. "The eagle is the king of birds and is used almost exclusively by the people of Stampic Land on their journeys." So saying he seated himself on the stamp. James Henry, following his example, spoke to the eagle, which immediately flapped its wings, soared majestically out thru the open window and started at a terrific speed for Stampic Land which O. G. assured the boy would be reached in less than half an hour. Not another word was spoken during the entire journey, and James Henry was only too glad when at last the towers of Stampic Land were seen in the distance. They descended to the ground among the greatest crowd that had ever been seen on Gibbons Avenue. The street was packed from curb to curb. It seemed as if every one was present from the Hon. P. O. Mauritius down to Mr. 10 Pq. Germany. "Three cheers for James Henry the first person to ever visit Stampic Land," cried the crowd. James Henry found himself suddenly transformed from an unimportant farm boy into the most important person in all this vast assemblage: everyone was trying to catch a glimpse of him, to shake his hand: congratulations and compliments were showered upon him from all sides.

The enthusiasm of the crowd knew no bounds, and after the boy had made a short speech, thanking them for his welcome to the country, he was hoisted upon their backs and paraded down Gibbons Avenue, up Mekeel St., across "Off Center" Lane and down Scott St., directly to the palace of the "Queen of Adhesives," 2 6 Falkland Isles 1898. He was at once received by the Queen in the British Colonial room and was immediately put at his ease by her kind manner and the sight of so many familiar stamps. Upon being asked the size of his collection by the Queen, he was reminded of his father's resolution and burst immediately into tears. As soon as he had quieted down the Queen asked him the cause of his trouble, and upon being told, her face grew grave. "A serious case indeed," she murmured: "no punishment is too severe for a parent who will deprive his child of the pleasure and instruction gained by collecting stamps." A council of old inhabitants born before 1850 was called, and the universal opinion seemed to be that death was the only punishment for such a heinous offense; the decree of the council was changed at the earnest solicitation of James Henry himself, who pleaded that his father might have one more chance. His plea was finally granted and a messenger despatched to acquaint Henry, Sr. with his fate. The boy still had several hours left before his departure, and improved them by strolling about the city, "seeing the sights," including the oldest inhabitant, Mr. Mulready Envelope who lived at Heavily Cancelled St., in the lower part of the town. He also visited all the public places. Brattleboro Park, Luff monument, the beautiful Wylie Lake, the famous West Church, and other spots famed in history. His time limit having then expired he left Stampic Land amidst a tremendous celebration, mounted on the back of the Queen's special steed, Columbian Republic 1876, and in twenty minutes arrived at his native country. What was his horror, when in sight of home, he suddenly slipped from the back of the bird, and was falling, falling thru space with the expectation of striking earth every second, when suddenly,— he came to himself, hearing the confused murmur of voices. "Poor boy," said his mother; "he's so tired."

"Well, son," said his father, "I have been reading an article about the

value of rare stamps and I have concluded to let you keep yours."

As James Henry collected his scattered thoughts, going slowly up the back stairs to bed, he wondered. after all, whether the Queen's message had reached his father.

Stamp Collecting--The Best Hobby

Every person should have a hobby. Collecting stamps, coins, post cards, Indian relics etc., are all pleasant pastimes and furnish a change from the serious duties of life.

While at the present time more people are interested in collecting post cards than any other hobby, we believe that stamp collecting offers greater possibilities of financial gain for stamps are constantly increasing in value. During the past three or four years the catalogue prices have advanced ten per cent and in many instances one hundred per cent or more.

Of the many pleasures of stamp collecting none are greater than hunting for old issues. No collector should ever let the chance pass by for looking over old letters or documents

Only a short time ago we read of a young man who secured a position in long established drug store and upon looking over a lot of old medicine bottle and boxes, found in a ware-room, discovered a lot of rare private proprietary stamps. The proprietors gave him the stamps and after adding several to his collection, he sold the duplicates for a handsome sum. This is only one instance when it paid to be a Philatelist If this young man had not have been posted on stamp values he would have missed the chance of making a neat sum of money and never been the wiser.

If you are not a collector, begin today.

The first thing you should have is a catalogue so you may know the value of stamps and save being imposed upon by any unscrupulous dealer. Many collectors do not, at the commencement buy a regular album, but use an ordinary copy book. Begin with a few packets, and then purchase from the approval sheets of some reliable dealer The great advantage in buying from approval sheets, is that it saves the risk of purchasing duplicates and you see the stamp before paying for it.

If you will subscribe for a few good stamp papers and begin the collecting of stamps we are sure you will become an ardent lover of Philately.

Mr Clarence P. DeKay has not brought out his philatelic paper in January. as he first intended. but instead he has issued now (in February) the first number of "De Kay's Stamp Circular." It has plenty of advertisement, is full of spicy notes, contains the report of the National Philatelic Asosociation and costs only 10c a year. The size is about the same as that of the old Weekly Phil. Era

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If you have any letter you cannot read, German, Dutch, Spanish, French, Portuguese etc, send them tc the editor of the Inquiry Department with 25c each for translation. If the editor cannot translate them, he will return your money, but as he would rather keep it, he will try to send you the translation

Beginner's Department--Bolivia

By L. G. Dorpat

Mining is what gives Bolivia its chief importance. The minerals are gold, found in river sands and lake muds as well as in the rock of the mountains, silver, quicksilver, antimony, copper, tin, lead, iron, coal, salt, hyacinth, opal and diamonds. Near Tipuani are the old Inca gold-washings, where some of the tools the Inca gold washers used have until recently been found imbedded in the clay. There are, however, quite a number of quartz veins known as gold bearing, but they are not worked. Silver is the principal product. Guano and nitrate of soda yield good profit.

The population, between two and three million, consists of various mixtures of races, chiefly of Spaniards with Indians. The latter may be classed as civilized, half civilized and wild. There are also negroes. The Cholos, descendantes of Spaniards and Incas, are those to whom Bolivia owes its political independence. Some of them are well educated, but as a rule the Bolivian lacks education. With few exceptions they all belong to the Roman Catholic church. The Inca Tupac Amaru was mentioned in connection with Peru, who "spread fire and sword against everything Spanish from Cuzco to Jujuy and twice besieged the city of La Paz with a force of 20,000 Indians." He was defeated, captured and barbarously put to death. For 27 years (1782 to 1809) there was peace, but after the Spanish had been defeated in the neighboring provinces of Rio de la Plata the patriots turned against the Spanish strongholds in Bolivia and there was war from 1809 to 1825, which ended in the total defeat of the Spaniards and the establishment of the present Republic of Bolivia. General Sucre was the first president, chosen for life, but after two years he had to leave the country. He was followed by Marshal Santa Cruz (1828-1839). Then came General Velasco, General Ballivian, (1848-2) Belzul, General Jorge Cordova, Dr. Jose Maria Linares (1858), Dr. Maria de Ac'a (1861), Maria Melgarejo (1865), Morales (1871), Ballivian (1873), Frias (1874), Daza (1876), Pasheco (1884). The late succession is not known to me, and I have no means here in Wayside to ascertain its history: the reader who has access to later publications than those in my possession may be better able to ascertain the recent historical events; he would do me a great favor by informing me. I may yet remark that the Bolivian succession was nearly always by violence to the great detriment of the country.

In regard to the condition of the people in Bolivia the "Brittanica" says: "The Peruvians, ever since the conquest of their country by the Spaniards in the 16th century, have been subjected to a system of tryanny and oppression which has few parallels in the history of the universe. They were rated little better than beasts of burden. By their toil the gold and silver were obtained from the mines, the lands were cultivated, the flocks and herds were attended to, and all domestic and menial offices performed. Yet the fruit of their labor, especially that of mining, which was attended with numerous privations, and often with great loss of life, were altogether devoted to enriching their oppressors. One of the principal grievances was the mita, a compulsory kind of personal labor, either in the working of the mines or in the cultivation of the fields, exacted from the Indians generally for the space of one year. It is calculated that no less than 8,285,000 In-

dians have perished in the mines. The tribute exacted by the government from every Indian between the age of eighteen and fifty-five was a capitation tax of 8 dollars. This was levied with the greatest rigor, and the official persons charged with its collection frequently committed great injustice in doing so,—obliging the Indians to commence these payments at fifteen, and continue them until seventy years of age, and putting the amount of tribute for the years before and after the legal period into their own pockets. By law the Indians were obliged to marry, the men at fifteen and the women at thirteen. Besides all this the Indians were subject to another system of extortion—the law of repartamicuts. This was originally established with the best of intentions,—the governors or corregidors of the districts being intrusted with the charge of supplying the inhabitants under their care with such articles as they might require at a fair and equitable price. But the law was shamefully abused; and it was made cumpulsory on the Indians to purchase worthless articles at an extravagant price". What effect such treatment and the subsequent government by violence under "republican" dictators and usurpers together with the general lack of education must have had upon the people is better understood than said in so many words. It seems rather a wonder that Bolivia is yet what it is, and there must be a good stock among the people capable of great development, if only started in the right direction and given a far chance. Bolivia is the third state in South America in size having an area of about 700,000 sq miles and, if it only had a good stable government, it might become the most powerful of all, as there is no richer part of the earth's surface of the same size anywhere. I am loth to leave the country, but for a philatelic journal I have already written too much on this subject, and must now turn to the stamps of Bolivia.

STAMPS OF BOLIVIA. Of the first issue which was made in 1867 under Maria Melarejo, Mr. Thiele writes in the "Adhesive": "The first issue of Bolivia has always had a peculiar fascination for collectors: the very crudeness of these stamps forms their attractiveness. They were local products and the appearance testifies to the low estate of the engraver's art as exlstent in Bolivia at that time Reproducing processes were not yet known down there at the time, and hence each stamp on the plate was engraved separately, thus forming as many varieties as there are stamps in the sheet. The sheet of the 5c contained 72 stamps, arranged in 6 horionztal rows of 12. The plat ewas reengraved a number of times—5, as usually given—but did not change its size. The 10c was from a larger plate: the sheet contained 78 stamps in 6 horizontal rows of 13. Both these sheets evidently have no relation whatever to the currency and probably owe their peculiar arrangement to the size of the plates employed for engraving. The 50 and 100c are both from smaller plates: the sheet of either value contains 30 stamps in 6 horizontal rows of 5. The lower four rows of these two plates were later used for making fraudulent reprinst which appeared on the market quite numerously a few years ago." These reprints were made in 1897 and may be found cancelled with pen strokes or with cancellations used in Bolivia in 1897; the paper is more white than that of the originals and the color is off too. The original 5c is found in yellow green, blue green, olive green and violet; in green there are 504 varieties, noticeable especially in the shading of the condor and the shading of the globe on which the condor stands: in violet (last state of the plate—which by the way was copper) there are only 72 varieties.

(To be continued).

FOREIGN REVENUES

By Oscar T. Hartman

France Continued.

July18 81. Same design. All grey except value and 18 intead of 187 as in prevous design. Imperforate. Values from 5 cent to 5 fr. only.

Sept. 1881. Same,but perforated and in addition higher value up to 30 fr.

1892. New design. Head of Liberty in circle and large value to the left of it. Background grey with 18 in same. Values in color. 5 cent to 30 fr.

1900. Same, the only difference is that intead of 18 in background only a single 1 can be found. This series is in use at pesent.

12. Quittances (receipt) 1871-1875. The insciption is: Quittance, Recus, et Descharges. One value only,10 centimes. Common. 1880. Diff design, same inscription. Value 10, 25, 50 cent, 1 and 2 f .Common.

1892. New design. Liberty Head in circle. Same value and inscription.

13. Re'cipisses de chemino de Fer. 1864 Eagle. Lettering on white back ground. 20 cent. 1891. Grand Vitese value: 35 cent. Petit Vitese, value, 70 centime. Dimension stamps are found with the surcharge "Bon pour recepisso" used for the same purpose which increases their value.

14. Reconnaissance 1864 Eagle. White letters on colored ground One value: 20 cent.

15. Roles d' Equipages One value 3 fr. 60 cent.

16. Bands for spirituous drink.

17. Wagon—Lits. Inscription: Impot. 1877 78. Odd values like 1.14, 1.73, 1.86. 1898. A series of values from 5 cents to 4 fr. 65 cents.

Part II. French Colonies.

1 Algeria. A large number of tobacco stamps or bands.

2. Alsace Lorraine. French dimension stamp of 1864 and Effect of Commerce surcharged by the invading forces of Germany in 1870 for fiscal purposes.

3. Annam

4 Cambodge Eff de Com of 1874 surcharged

5 Cochin china. 1886 Due stamps of French Colonies of 1884 surcharged.

1888 Inscription: Cochinchine, Drot de Greffe. Values form 1 cent to 1 piastre.

6 French Congo Connaissement, Copies and Envegistre.

7 Diego Suarez. Octroi. A large stamp. 2 heads on same.

8 Guadoeloupe 1899 French revenues surcharged.

9 French Guiana.

10 Haiphong. Droits de Marche (Market) above Chinese characters below. A square in center.

11 Hanvi. Without value. Dozen colors and number for each day in the month.

12. French India 18[illegible] French Colonial stamps surcharged with a 30 on diff. values. Good many o[illegible]e others on French revenues.

13. French China. Various designs

14 Madagascar.

15. Martinique.

16. Nossi-Be Eff de Com. 10 cent to 10 fr

17. New Caledonia. 1881 Surcharge 23k en moins.

18. Reunion 1904 Eff de Com surcharged: Droit-en-sus-Reunion in an octagon. Engagements are double stamps.

19. Senegal. French revenues are used there.

20. Tunis. Design of their own. Inscription: Protectorate Francaise.

21. Vinh (Tonkin) Marche de Vinh.

To a great extent the name of the colony can be found on the stamp which makes it easier because so many of them are simply the French revenue stamps surcharged.

Part III. A list of towns, villages, etc , in France proper, but issuing a local revenue tax: Angonleme, Bordeaux, Brugeres, Cannes, Chaumont, Cognac, Epinal, La Fleche, Le Mans, Nantes.

Paart IV. Saving stamps. A Control stamp of France Serie 1 fr. to 1000 frs. Also for Blois, Brest, Chartres, Guadeloupe, Le Mans, Marseille, Praris (with numeral of the diff. divisions) Saint Hilaire, Saint Quentin, Seine et Mame, Tourwing.

Part V. Transportation Paris. Ordinary and Express. Parcel post of Paris.

This is all. I am convinced tha in many cases my explanation is not quite plain, but my intention to give an idea how many fold revenues can be and every bit of paper these days is worth saving until its value is found out.

SIMPLIFICATION THE ORDER OF THE DAY.

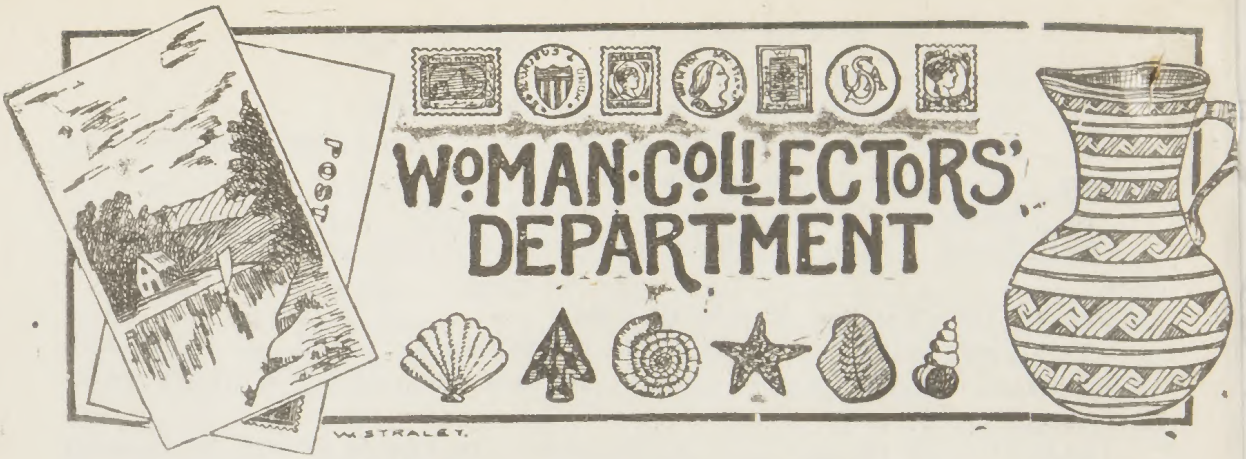
It has long seemed to us that specialism in stamp collecting, while a splendid thing in its place, was being over emphasized to the detriment of general collecting, but this view has not been very popular the past few years, and it is with considerable interest that we note this winter indications of a popular return to older and saner ways. We note the following in an exchange from the pen of Mr. E. J. Nankivell, one of the most "specialistic" of English specialists.

"Simplification is the order of the day in stamp catalogues and collecting. The other extreme has been the ruin of more than one country. Mexico has never recovered the suffocation of District overprints; South Australia has been swamped by the complexities of compound perforation; Zanzibar and British Somaliland are a by-word of typographical cripples, and the grand issues of the Transvaal have been shamelessly weighted.

It is neither in the interest of the Stamp Dealer nor the Stamp Collector to put one country after another out of reach of the general collector by the overburden of pettifogging minor varieties Let the specialist wallow in them to his heart's content, but for heaven's sake, don't let us jeopardise the best, and truest and most wholesome interests of stamp collecting by increasing the complexities that terrify the general collector.

We specialists are all very well in our way, but we are rapidly carrying things too far in our own direction We dominate the best catalogues, and swamp their pages with confusing varieties, and every year we are beguiling the general collector more and more out of his depth."

It is with satisfaction we note that our Scott circular mention cat is the only one really suited to both the specialist "wallower" and his less scientific brother who cares only for the varieties listed in large type.



A Clipping, a Moral, and Some Comments

By Verna Weston Hanway

(American and English publications desiring an impartial review in this periodical will please forward specimen copy marked "For Review" to Miss Verna Weston Hanway, Lk Bx 8, Dallas, Pa.)

A short time ago I chanced to notice two excerps from the "London Mail," on totally different subjects, set up in just a position under the heading "Stamps and Children." They read thus: 'A rare philatelic gem will come under the hammer at Messrs. Glendining's galleries in Argyll Street. It is a used copy of the Postoffice Mauritius penny red stamp, which is said to be worth anything from $4000 to $5000."

"Prosecuted at Sleaford Petty Session for not sending his child to school, Josiah Elkington, laborer, stated that he earned $3 75 (three dollars and seventy-five cents) a week, and had 'only fourteen children to keep out of it.' The case was dismissed on payment of the costs "

Appearing in opposition in this manner there is only one inference, and it is, as was intended one which carries a stern suggestion. The average woman or man will feel a heart wrench, and the average philatelist will, very probably, have occasion to blush,—the two bits of news are exceedingly pointed. Naturally, children are of immense importance, and no one can view a child's suffering or want, without sympathizing and going to its assistance. The clippings question the moral right of anyone satisfying an individual, fancy for such a trifle as a stamp, where there are many persons suffering actual distress. The conclusion immediately arrived at is that we should give, or in other words make the person a receiver of charity, to relieve that distress. This is the spirit that animates us when we give out mites to "charity."

On the other, there are vast economic questions involved. A beggar, or tramp, comes to our door and we give him food. We do not question the wisdom of this course, or the fact that the food subserves only a temporary use; in another few hours the same need will arise. We hear of a mother wrestling with poverty, trying to keep the wolf from her children; we go to her assistance, and keeps poverty, suffering, distress, away awhile longer. This is simply common humanity, but at best our aid is but temporary. What is the root of that poverty?—is it illness, or desertion, or shame? It is far wiser to relieve the germ, or cause of the evil, and that is just what

many good men and women trying to do,—in the meantime while they are trying many fall by the wayside. Viewing matters thus in a plain, naked light, one feels a sympathy for Socialism.

But let us go a step further, before we conclude that these clippings, so obvious on the face, are entirely just. Suppose, in the course of your business life, you rent and own houses, and that a tenant (or tenants) on the plea of illness, evades and repeatedly evades the payment of his just rent. This goes on for a year or two, in the end you have discovered that the person is not ill, has a bank account, and that you are "stung" for a good many more dollars than you spend yearly on your stamps. Or again your charity may be used to support criminals or human parasites. A lenient landlord has many stories hidden among the pages of his leases.

As a matter of fact amateur philanthropy and slumming is a problem which has many sides to it, and is not always wise. Please understand that I am not inveighing against the aiding of "the poor ye have always with you." We will all continue to give to the beggar at our doors, and those in need. But it is fortunate that there are those who have educated and trained themselves to the life mission of aiding and getting at the cause of economic disturbances. The charity which you and I can give merely soothes the trouble for the time; the other removes the trouble, because it is trained, systematic and effective charity.

To mention the find of the recently discovered Alexandria Postmasters Provisional stamp here seem rather out of place in connection with the foregoing. The "Alexandria" has been creating a stir among those interested in stamps, and has furnished material for stories by the newspapers. The story connected with its history is quite a pretty little one. The stamp prepaid a letter written in November 1847 by J. Wallace Huff of Alexandria, Va., to a young lady who afterwards became his wife. Mr. Huff, now eighty two years old, has just had the very unusual experience, of seeing this bit of paper and envelope, a memento of his youth, sold for over three thousand dollars.

Just what amount the stamp really did realize, is not known, and probably never will be known. This, however, is an assured fact, that Mr. Geo. Worthington of Cleveland, Ohio, paid a sum considerably over the amount mentioned. The sale was made through a Stamp Company of Philadelphia, to whom the stamp had been shown by a son-in-law of the owner.

Only three of these local stamps are known to be in existence. The other three stamps, however, were printed on a buff wove paper, while the stamp just sold is printed upon one of a grayish blue color.

A person concerning whom we indulged in a little sermonette in these columns recently objects to use the use of the word "ungrateful." Referring to my notes I find that the word as written was "ungraceful," the printer by some uncanny method khown only to himself, having changed it to the former. While my chirography is only slightly worse than that of the genial publisher, the printer is addicted to playing sad havoc with my "English as she is wrote."

The stamp season of 1907—1908 has witnessed but few births in philatelic journalism. As time goes on the vast number, relatively speaking, of ephemeral literature on collectinlg subject decreases steadily.

It is a matter of regret that the issue of Mr. DeKay's paper has been

postponed until January 1909. We have received No. 1, Vol. 1 of "DeKay's Stamp Circular," containing a goodly amount of chatty philatelic matter. The subcription price is but fifteen cents a year, and no doubt it will be succeeded next year by "The Philatelic Tribune." The "Stamp Circular" is the official organ of the "National Philtelic Association," a society that offers quite an inovation in the way of small dues. The dues are but fifteen cents yearly.

No. 3, Vol. 1, of "Fads and Hobbies," a small paper published in Chicago, has been received. As the name indicates it represents more than one hobby. Stampic news and notes are, however, given quite a little space.

Announcements of a monthly journal, under able management, have been received from Denver, Colo. Philately is very progressive in the Western part of the country and collectos are expecting "something good."

The Postmen of the 40's

The postage stamps of the independent mail companies which did a letter carrying business from 1842 to 1845 are interesting and some of them are rare. These concerns differed from the local delivery companies in the fact that their operations instead of being confined to a city's limits, reached out to other cities of a state or to other states.

They included Hale & Co., the American Letter Mail Co., Overton & Co., Hartford Mail, Pomeroy & Co.. W Wyman, Letter Express, Hoyt's Letter Express and Brainard & Co. All came into being, it is said, through the inability of the government at this period to handle the postal business of this country. So good was their service that they compelled the United States to improve its service and reduce its rates.

Pomeroy & Co., who organized a letter express service between Albany and Buffalo in 1843, issued a postage stamp of one design but including five minor varieties, in blue, black and yellow. This was a rather large rectangular stamp, bearing the portrait of a woman. Around the portrait on a label were the words "Pomeroy's Letter Express." At the top in very small letters were the words "Free Stamp," while at the bottom was "20 for a Dollar," single stamps cost 6 cents each.

The rarest of the Pomeroy stamps is the one printed in yellow, from which the denom nation has been erased. This stamp, when used is worth $30 in fine conditon. The red stamp is valued at $10 unused and $25 when cancelled.

W. Wyman who went into the mail carrying business in 1844, carrying letters between Boston and New York, issued one stamp which was of the denomination of 5 cent. It was printed in black and the design consisted of a square, in the center of which was an old style locomotive hauling one car. At the top was "W. Wyman, 8 Court St., and 3 Wall St.," and at the bottom "20 Stamps for One Dollar." Although the black on white stamp is the only one known, Mr. Wyman is on record as saying that one variety of his stamps was printed in blue. The black stap is worth $10 unused and $7.50 used; one in blue would bring a very much higher price.

Overton and Co., who started in 1844 and operated a mail service between Boston and Philadelphia, used four varietes of stamps of two general types. They were printed in straw color, pink and green. The chief device on both types showed a pigeon carrying a letter in the center of a circular

stamp about the size of a dime, around the edge being "Overton & Co., Letter Express."

The straw colored stamp is valued at $40, either used or unused, the stamp with the small pigeon printed in green, being catalogued at $15. The green stamp showing large pigeon, with the word "Free" underneath, is valued at $50 in both conditions, while the one in pink, the rarest of the series, is worth from $50 upward.

The stamps of Hale & Co. of Boston embraced a greater number of varieties than those of any of the other companies, there being nine different stamps of the denomination of five cents, in colors of red and blue. The design, which embraces two types, was an octagon covered with letters. The central envelope on one type was inscribed, "Hale & Co., 13 Court St, Boston" while the second type was the same but the short address was omitted. Hale & Co. were credited with having 110 offices, among which were branches in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Detroit. The firm was organized in the latter part of 1841. The rarest of their stamps is now valused at $50.

The Hartford mail, which was organized in 1844 did a business between Hartford, Boston and New York Their stamps were simple in design and there were two varieties, black on pink paper and black on yellow paper, the former of five cent denomination and the latter of ten cents.

The stamp was a trifle over half an inch square and showed a man with a package on his shoulder and taking long strides. The stamp printed on pink paper, is valued at $20 and the one printed on yellow paper at $50.

The American Letter Mail Co., was formed in 1844 and did business in Massachusets, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvania. It's stamps embraced 3 varieties of two general types.

The first showed an eagle facing to the left, with expanded wings, and the inscription "The American Letter Mail Company." This stamp is worth $35 used. The second stamp shows an eagle facing to the right, and is smaller.

Only one stamp was issued by Brainard & Co. It was printed in black and blue on white paper and was circular in shape, showing around the edge "Brainard & Co., N. Y. 58 Wall St." This company carried letters between New York, Albany and Troy. The blue variety is valued at $15 when used.

Five varieties of stamps were used by the Letter Express, which was the Western connection, starting at Buffalo, by which Pomeroy & Co, sent letters to Chicago and other points. One type of these stamps was circular, the central design showing a soldier advancing with an American flag in one hand and a drawn sword in the other. The 10 cent denomination of this type printed in scarlet is worth $50.

Another type is oblong and shows a woman seated upon boxes of merchandise, with a sailing vessel in the background. Around the border is "Letter Express Free". This stamp was in white, pink and green of the denomiination of 5 cents, the first of the three being valued at $15, used or unussed.

Hoyt's Letter Express issued a small type set stamp of plain design in 1844. It was rectangular in shape with an ornamental border and bore the inscription "Hoyt's Letter Express to Rochester." It was vermillion in color and is valued at $25.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



Questions relative to stamps will be answered in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included beside the fee above provided for.

L. G. DORPAT, Box 37, Wayside, Wis.

1872—Philadelphia Series K. (This I have not yet seen, and consequently it was not yet described in the WEST. Mr. Sterling describes it as follows): "Head of Washington to left in central oval frame, inscribed, 'United States Internal Revenue' Oblong design Fine lathe-work supporting at right and left ends oval design with words at top, 'Two'; in center (2); at base 'Cents'. Sizde 84x33 mm. Colors—Bronze, blue, buff, drab, gray, lemon, orange, deep orange. olive, pink, purple, and violet, on white and various colored papers." (There is but one variety mentioned). Nos. 150 to 161, price 10 cents to $1.00.

1875—Philadelphia Series L. (Our 7th design). This also is found in many colors on a variety of papers. A 2d variety is only an oddity caused by inaccurate work of the perforating machine. Nos 162 to 177. The prices range from 15 cents to $1.50.

1874—Boston Series M. (Not yet described) Mr. Sterling gives the following characteristics: "Small head of Washington to left in circle. Band inscribed 'United States Internal Revenue'. At right and left connecting circle with large (2) in center, and cords in bands above and below, 'Two cents, Two cents' size 69x32 mm. Colors—bronze, buff, orange, and deep orange, on white and fancy safety paper." Nos. 179 to 181. price unused $1.00, used $ 25 each.

1874—Boston Series N. (Our 17th design) Eagle and Monitor. No's 182 to 185 price 25 cents to $1.50

1874—St. Louis Series O. Made by the St. Louis Lithographing Co., Liberty head, flying hair, facing left, with pole and cap, in central oval. Buckled band inscribed 'United States Internal Revenue'. In center of band, at left (2); at right, (2). At sides, circular design of twocent piece. At left, obverse of coin, 'In God we Trust'—'1874'; at right, reverse of coin, 'States of America'—'2 Cents'; beyond, at ends, 'Two (2) Cents.' Size 73x36 mm Colors Bronze and buff, on white and blue papers." Nos. 186 and 187, price $1 00 to $3 50.

Summary: 15 different designs of 2 cts. stamps issued 1865 to 75, used until 1882. One design of 1898. Very many minor varieties, if every change, color, form, of document and value of bank be considered.

We have to thank Mr. E. R. Vanderhoof, 1328 Grant Ave., Denver, Colorado, for the following:

19th design. Small head of Washington to left. It is identical with Mr. Sterling's "Boston Series M." and resembles both, our 2d design which is Mr. Sterling's "New York G." and our 12th design, which is Mr. Sterling's "Philadelphia I," especially the former.

Through the kindness of Mr. Vanderhoof, Mr. Robert Mac Millan (4320 Grant Str., Omaha, Nebr.,) and others we can list the following:

The Cook County Nat. B. of Chicago, Chicago, Ills. (check) 1874 19th design

The Importers and Traders Nat. B of the City of, New York, New York (check)1872 1st design

The Franklin Bank,	Chicago	(check)	1873	1st	design
Third Nat. Bank of Chicago	"	"	1876	"	"
Union Nat. Bank of Chicago	"	"	187—	"	"
Frst Nat. Bank of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ills		"	188—	3d	"
Nat. City Bank of Ottawa,	" "	"	188—	"	"
First Nat. Bank of Central City, Central City, Col		" (var)	1877	"	"
Bank of Carthage, Carthagg, Mo		"	1876	"	"
First Nat. Bank U. S. Depository. Denver, Col		"	1879	"	".
Union Bank of Denver, Denver, Col,		(draft)	1882	"	"
The Bank of North America Philadeplhia		(check)	1872	12th	"
The Farmers and Mechanics Nat. Bank, Phil.		" (var)	1874	1st	"
Cental Nat. Bank	"	"	1872	11th	"
The Garfield Nat. B , 23d St. & 6th Ave., N. Y.		"	1900	4th	"
Fritz & Perelberg	"	(draft)	1900	"	"
Bank of West Point, West Point, Iowa,		(check)	19—	"	"

The imprints on these papers are: Union Lith. Co.; Stewart, Haring & Warren, 437½ Bway, N. Y; Hindle & Jenkins. Printers, 674 Wabash Ave.: Edw. Mender, Chicago; Wm Mann, 529 Market St., Philadelphia. (varieties & times); Moss & Co., Prs , Phila.; Cuvler, Page, Hoyne & Co., Stationers, Chicago.; Collier & Cleveland, Lith. Denver, (several times & vieties); East St. Louis; Lehman & Bolton, Phila.; J. Hachnelen, Phila.;

The stamp designs are not confined to any particular part of the country, and the several printers have used various or the same papers with any or all stamp designs to print the blanks or blank forms,for bank checks etc. for any bank in any part of the country,provided the printers could secure an order from such bank.

It does not yet appear plain, whether the stamp printers furnished the paper themselves and so virtually sold the paper and stamp to other printers and stationers, or whether the other printers and stationers (or in fact any body who chose to) furnished the papers and had the stamps printed to order by the stamp printing establishments. Another possibility is that the gov't ernment ordered stamps and paper from certain firms and sold it to banks, printers and stationers. Who can tell, how it was done?

Mr. J. N. T. Levick, 244 86th Str., New York City, sends a check of The German American Bank, New York, (with imprint) 187— 3d design.

The imprint of the Graphic Co New York,is right under the stamp and in the same color. The paper on which the check is printed is pale violet (lavender) laid paper. The check form is black bears the imprint of Croker & Telfer, Stationers, 96 Warren St., N. Y.

By the kindness of the same gentleman we can now list our 20th design: It is the same as Sterling's St. Louis Series O. Nos. 186 and 187 on blue laid paper and may best be recognized by the picture of the U. S. Two Cent Piece forming part of the design. The check before me is of Preston, Kean & Co, Bankers, 187-- (no place stated).

Mr. Levick also sends a long list of Stationers and Printers whose imprints he found on checks in his collection, but says he thinks that nobody would collect them, in which I agree with him, though with the modicfiation that, if anyone desires to collect all the stamped checks used by anyone bank, it will be of much interest to note the manufacturers.

Besides that the very great number of check printers imprints demonstrate that any printer, or in fact any body who chose to, might order the blank stamped paper and print on it anything desired, while the stamps proer could be printed by special U. S. agencies only like the Graphic Co. of New York mentioned above and the other agencies named in Sterling catalogue and mentioned some time ago.

It will be remembered that Mr. Sterling lists an imprint of the American Phototype Co. with the New York Series B. No. 75 and 76. (our 5th design). This imprint is quite lengthy and says: "This Company, under contract with the Internal Revenue Stamps on the following vouchers, viz:" and then comes a long list of documents on which stamps could be printed.

Note: The Query No. 352, about bank checks has taken up so much of our space, that other queries have been crowded out and our printer, probably thinking there were not enough questions and answers dropped the name of this department entirely. Yet we have no intention of aboilshing it. Queries have been answered by letter, as is usually done when postage is enclosed, and now we shall return to our former way of conducting the department. All kinds of questions relating to stamps, stamp collectors or stamp matters are always welcome. We have now reached the 400th query and hope to reach the 800th in due time.

400 How can the Lithographed and engraved stamps of Paraguay (Scott's A. 25)1901 2 be distinguished from each other?—Besides the general distinctions between lithographs and engravings there is the peculiarity, that in the lithographed stamps the lion has its mouth open, while in the engraved stamps the mouth is closed. Lithographs are flat, more or less blurred: engraved stamps show the colors brighter, and the finest-lines are sharp and in ridges on the paper.

401. Can you give me the addresses of collectors of U. S. Precanceled stamps?—Yes. There is my own. Then there is Mr. B.. H. Wilson, 1102 17th Str., Rock Island, Ills.—Mr. E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn. If the readers of the WEST help me a little, I shall soon be able to give you more.

402. Where are the headquarters for U. S. Revenue stamp collectors? —There are several. For the readers of the WEST Mr. F. A. Brown of East Peru, Iowa, is the man at present. Mr. Chas. Nast and Mr. O. T. Hartman and Mr. E. R. Vanderhoof, all three gentlemen of Denver, Colorado, are very much interested in U. S. Revenues. Then there is the Metropolitan Fiscal Association with Mr. Wm. C. Polk of Arnolds Mills, R. I., as Secretary-Treasurer. There is the veteran E. B. Sterling, 941 Edgewood Ave., Trenton, N. J. Finally I may mention the Springfield Stamp Club of Springfield, Mass., with Messrs Stone, Prevost, Curtis, Bartlett and Munroe in their Committee on Publication. Any of these men will be able to give you more and better information than I can.

403. Where can I sell my collection to the best advantage? That is impossible for me to say But a good way to sell is to make use of some societies Sales Department, as for instance the C. C. C. Stamp Sales Department under the direction of Mr. Lucas A. Van Toor 2419 Walnut Ave. Milwaukee, Wis. Of coure you would have to join the club but then you get other advantages besides the possibility of selling your stamps. You get the printed wants and offers of about 2500 collectors every three months and have the advantage of corresponding with collectors in all parts of the world. If

your collection is good, you might sell it by auction or by advertising it in the WEST.

404. What is the best kind of hinges for mounting stamps?—I decidedly prefer the "peelable" to any other that I have tried.

405. What stamp papers are published in the United States at present?—All that I remember at the present time, are Mekeel's Weekly, Stamp News, Redfield's Stamp Weekly, Chicago Collector's Monthly, The Stamp Journal of Denver, the Metropolitan Philatelist and last but not least, The Philatelic West. There is quite a number of other papers that have stamp departments, but they are not all known to me. If any of our readers will be so kind, I would feel much obliged to them for making me acquainted.

406 Are all watermarked stamps worth more than those without watermark? No. The value depends on the demand and rarity, not on the watermark, or anything else in itself, except good condition.

352 By the kindness of Mr. Louis Desmarais, Jr., of Opelousas, La., I can list the following:

Thatcher, Stanley & Co., Bankers, Central City, Colo.,		check	1872	8th	design
Greensburg Deposit Bank of Lloyd Huff & Co. Greensburg, Pa.		1870	12th	"	
Denver National Bank, Denver, Colo.	(var)	check	1899	4th	"
Greensburg Banking Co., Greensburg, Pa.	"	"	1879	3th	"
First Nat Bank of Denver U. S. Depositoy	"	"	1877-79		"
Merchants and Mechanics Bank, Leadville, Col.,	"	"	1882	3d	"
First Nat Bank of Central City, Central City, Col.,	(var)	"	1877-79		"
Colorado Nat. Bank, U. S. Depository, Denver,	"	"	1878-80		"
Exchange Bank of L. E Southwick, Friend, Neb	"	"	1883		"
Nath'l Young & Co., Bankers, Central City, Colo	"	"	1872	6th	"

This last has the inscription, "Good only for bank Check" across the lower part of the stamp and is the same as that which I called the 15th design in the January number of the WEST.

Notes: Mr. H. T. Morgan of Victoria, B. C. was so kind as to send me several stamped checks of England and New Zealand. They are all embossed, some in color (vermillion), some without color. The values I have seen are 1 penny, 3 shillings and 6 shillings.

In Senf's "Illustr. Briefmarken—Journal" No. 699 I see an offer of stamped papers from Great Britain (1850-1870) and from the Argentine Republic, coming from Prof, Richter's collection, and showing that there are other people, besides those in the WEST'S family who take an interest in and collect stamped papers.

Walter Morley in his Morley's Phil. Journal, offers a little book "Embossed Deed Stamps of Great Britain," Part I. by F. G. C. Lundy, for the small sum of six cents (3d)

352. We have to thank Mr. Walter Bain, of St. Louis, Mo., (4045 Botanical Ave.), for lending the following papers:

First Nat. Bank, Philadelphia, like adhesive	check	1867	design
Franklin Savings Institution, St Louis,	"	18—	5th design
Boatmen's Savings Institution, St. Louis	"	187—	11th design
Davis County Savings Bank, Junction City, Kans	"	187—	12th "
The Valley Nat. Bank of St. Louis, St. Louis	"	187—	15th "
The Mechanics Bank, St. Louis, Mo	"	183—	3d "

(To be continued).

Un-Perforated Postage Stamps

By G. R. Sharp

Iti is interesting to note what the "United States Official Postal Guide" for 1908 has to say in regard to unperforated postage stamps. It says in part:—

The Department is prepared to issue postage stamps without the usual perforation, when desired in that form for sale to the public for use in automatic stamp affixing or stamp vending machines.

The unperforated stamps are in sheets of 400 each. They are issued to postmasters in lots of 10,000 stamps or multiples of 10,000 of each denomination desired

The postmasterr should not make requisition for unperforated stamps unless he has satisfactory assurance that at least 10,000 stamps of each denomination ordered will be sold within a reasonable time.

Unperforated stamps may be sold to he public in any quantity not less than a sheet of 400; but postmasters will not be supplied with such stamps to be sold for use on mailings to be dispatched from other than their own postoffces.

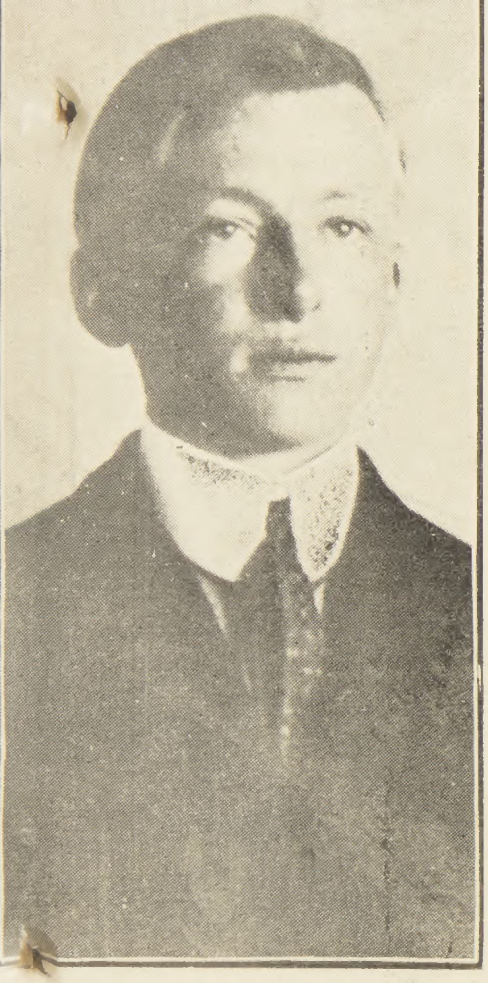
Postmasters will notify purchasers that the unperforated stamps should be cut apart accurately, as mutilated stamps are not valid for postage.

COUNTRIES WITHOUT STAMPS.

There have been before now postage stamps such as these of Sedang, which had no country attached to them, but it is surprising to find from a recent article in "The Stamp Collector's Fortnightly" how very few countries of any importance at all there are which have no stamps. Excluding savage states in Central Africa and one or two rather vague places on the northern frontier of India and in the Malay Peninsula, there seem to be only Thibet, Morocco, Oman, a Sultanate of some pretentions in Arabia, and Andorra and Lichtenstein in Europe. Andorra might certainly turn an honest penny by issuing a set of stamps even as the still smaller republic of San Marino does and we wonder that Lichtenstein has waited so many years. A set of Morocco, may be regarded as a philatelic certainty before long, and there is a chance that Oman will follow suit, leaving no considerable country with any pretensions to civilization unprovided with its own postage stamps.

It is easy to foresee the probable objections to a collection of Pictorials. Such a collection would be interesting, but would it be a good investment? we can fancy the shrewd ones asking. There is really no reason why a collection of this kind should prove an unprofitable undertaking, if only it be kept as free as possible from utter rubbish. There would be two ways of ensuring this—either by collecting only the pictorial issues of the Britsh Empire, or, if the whole world be taken, by collecting specimens of stamps of the "made for collectors" class in postally used condition only.—Hobbies.

It is a high tribute to philately that the Australian Commonwealth Stamp Committee counts among its members one who was appointed for being a philatelist, Mr. Basset Hull, a gentleman whose name sounds well in Australian Philatelic circles.



Allen Red Land, La.



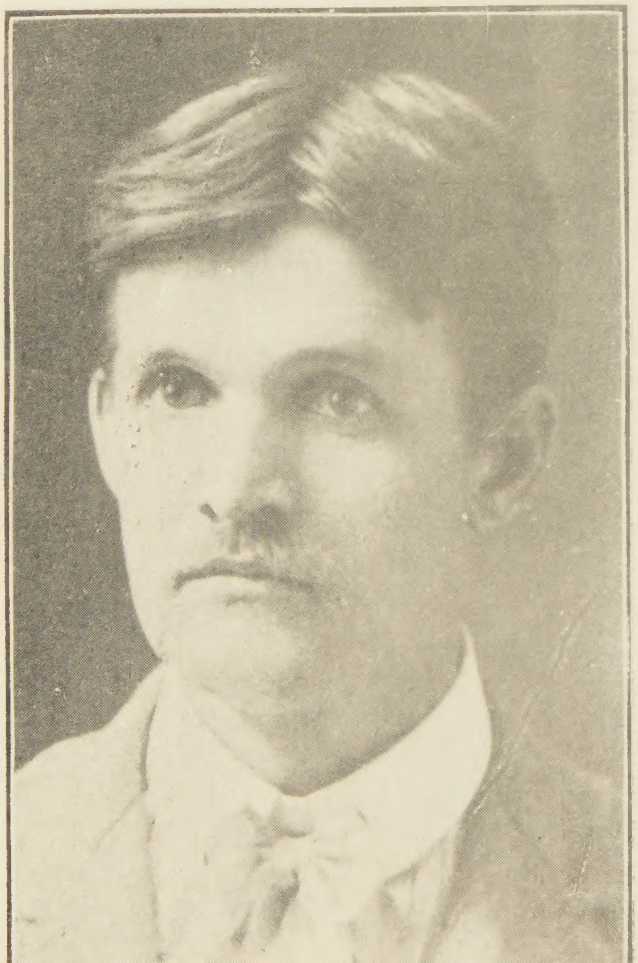
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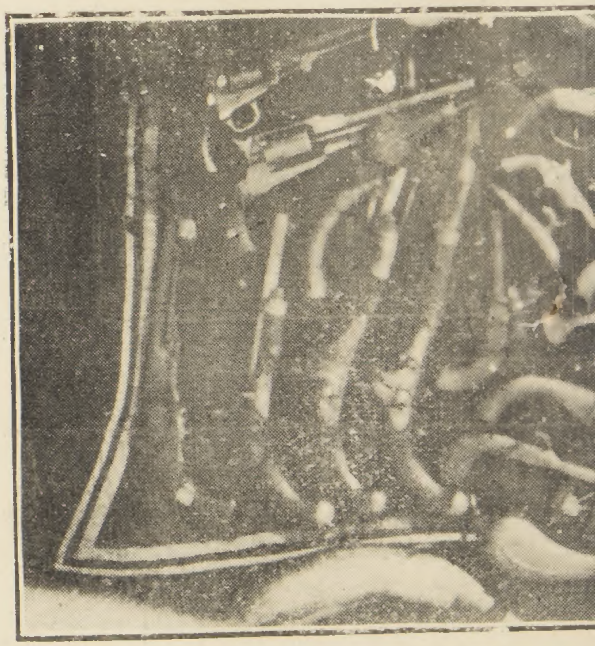


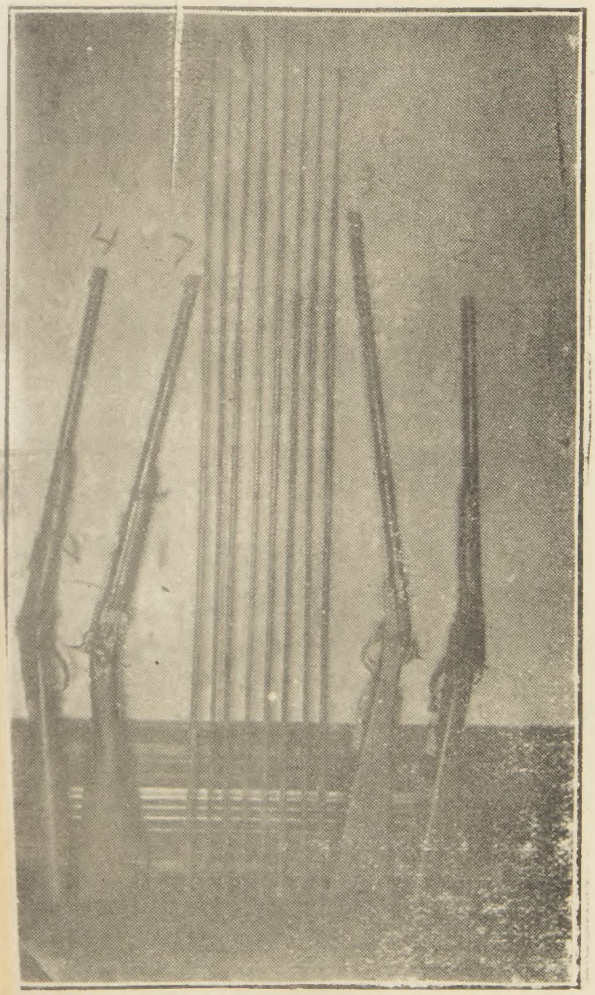


Post Card South African Women and Children



Birth Place of Bobby Burns





4 and 7 Carbines from Port Republic. No. 3 and 2 Carbines from Spottsylvania. Arrows from Costa Rica and South Africa
Property of C. F. Alkire, Mt. Sterling, Ohio



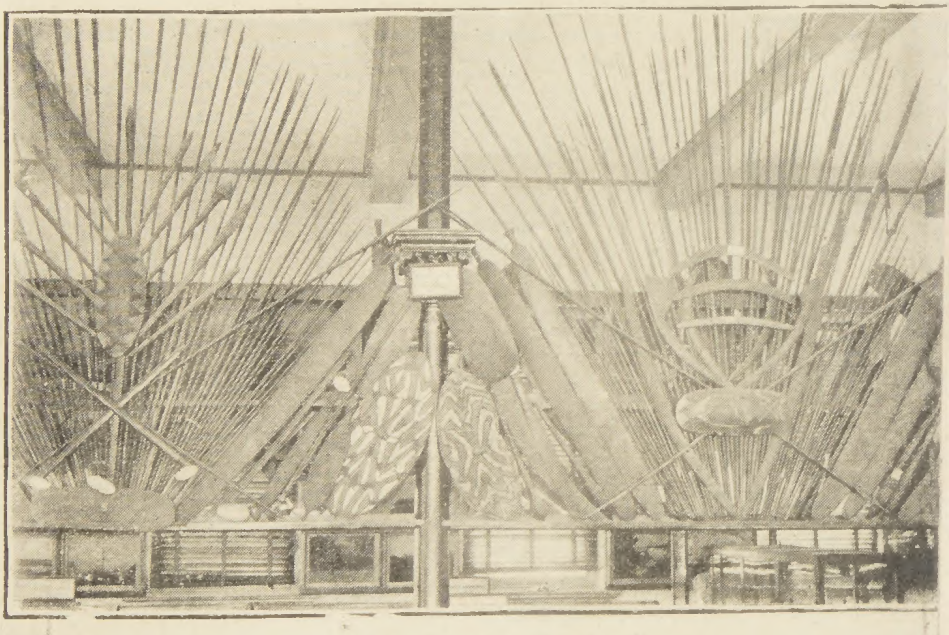
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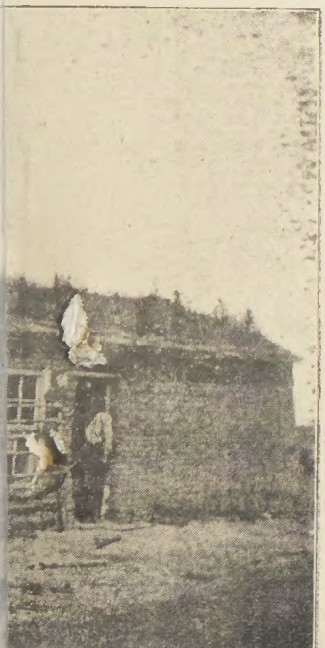


Pat Ryan and some Indians of his at the Pan AmericanExposition





An Australian Museum of Native Weapons





Old Stage Coach taken by E. P. Holmberg, Casper, Wyoming.



J. F. Aborn, Worcester, Mass.



F. J. Breuer, Clinton, Ill





R. W. Dunlap & Son, Lockport, N
J. D. Grimes and Family, who are all
of Stamps, Coins, Curios, Relics and P
living at Chambers, Nebrask



Among late samples of postcards are the silhouette or shadow picture cards, 16 in series, very comical and rich in humour as seen in the Val. sets. These have been advertised in the WEST for some time by P. Martin, Chicago, Ill , U. S A. Another odd and interesting series are the Cowboy cards —character studies in Wash drawings, photograveurs in sepia duo tone. These cards will be considered a curiosity in later years, for like unto the Indian and buffalo, the cowboy days are numbered. These are sold by J. Parry, Publ. Denver, Colo. Both have had ads in the WEST.

Having received some pretty cards from Wisconsin, and since I'm a bred and born Wisconisn girl, and have resided in the dear old state almost my lifetime I naturally want to mention a few things about the history and things of interest on the cards of Prairie du Chien. There is perhaps no spot on the upper Mississippi, round which so many historic associaions cluster as the old city already mentioned. It is picturesquely located on the river with an air of quaintness and entranceing charm amid landscapes and mountainlike bluffs. On one card we see the ruins of Fort Crawford, and other glimpses of some old historic ruin. Perhape it is to this day the abiding place of the Canadian-French, the first settlers, or old Dominion families. For many years after the discovery fo the "great River" by Father Marquette in 1679 this locality was often visited by the e rly traders and voyagers who frequently wintered here as it was then well known as an Indian village, the chief of which was Alim, meaning the dog, or in the French language, Chien, hence the appelation, La Prairie des Chien, meaning the Prairie of the Dogs, which in the present day has been modified to Prairie du Chien. In the year 1780 a western trading point and supply depot became necessary. To meet this end, several French traders attracted by the natural advantages of the "prairie" selected it for a permanent settlement.

Having some very interesting Mexican views we will have a glimpse of Mexico, the mecca of nearly all tourists who visit this interesting country. The City of Mexico situated on a plateau within sight of the grand snow-capped peaks of Popocatepetl and Iztaccihuatl, with its ancient cathedrals

and noble palaces, show a splendor and glory of the past, a glory that was not new when Cortez viewed this ancient city of the Aztecs from the pinnacle of their lofty temple. Perhaps the most appalling features or scenes which mar the perennial verdure and beautiful plazas and every other view, is when we come to think about the horrifying bull fights which events are well pictured on the post card as seen from the crowded amphitheater, the bull fighters in their costumes and other parts of the performances as well. These scenes are more definite than anything we could read upon the subject. What must it be to witness, and what must be the character of a people whose chief amusement is a fight of this sort? To witness repeatedly a spectacle that develops all the brutality in one's nature can not but have its effect upon natural life. Bull fights occur only on Sundays and feast days, which seems all the more appalling. Honest efforts have been made to suppress this cruel sport,and laws enacted,only to be repealed by the masses for this popular entertainment.

From the old city of Monterey show many picturesque views, among them the Bishops' Palace, a picturesque ruin situated on a high hill which commands a fine view of the city. It is here the battle of Monterey was fought, under Gen. Taylor in 1846. Another interesting city depicted on cards is Saltillo It is here we see the penitentiary, and other note worthy buildings. It was near here the battle of Buena Vista was fought in 1847.

Ferd, Ingold Card Co., Monroe. Wis., U. S. A. are again offering their rich assortment of the choicest and latest cards for a very reasonable price, especially those sold for the holidays at less than any other dealers. The holiday subjects are grand reproduced in Watercolors hand painted, other with glossy pearl finish, silk inlay, silk relief, bronze, trans, snow,gilt and tinsel. These cards are all beautiful subjects and would sell for a quarter apiece at any other dealer. Ferd, Ingold can sell these cards so low as 5c and 10c. He is the largest Manuf. designer,importer and publ. of post cards in the U. S A. High grade fancy cards is his specialty. Among his novelties are many which cannot be secured from any other dealer in this country. Among them are seen flowers made of real silk, raised with silk background giving it a most natural appearance; birds and butterflies made from real feathers, all kinds of birds, etc ; flowers and sceneries with natural dew drops, snow frost and all sorts with the finished already mentioned. When writing to this firm be sure you mention the Philatelic WEST and Camera News.

Just as long as people travel and enjoy sight-seeing and wish their friends were with them,just so long will the picture post card be used to tell of their trip, and the same is true of the exchange of post cards by members of postcard clubs. There may be heavy and light seasons, and some dealers may have an attack of stage fright now and then, but the post card business will go on forever.

One of the best features of photo postcard work is that any size camera or kodak may be used to make the negative with,and with the proper shaped mask any one person in a group photograph may be singled out and printed on the post card in a few minutes.

A Kolumn fot Kansas Kollectors

By George J. Remsburg

Mrs. S. E Cummings, of Wichita, has on exhibition at the Langdon Awning Factory, in that city, an interesting curiosity in the shape of a tooth of some extinct monster, in all probability of a mastodon. The tooth weighs six pounds and is as large as a man's head. It was found by Mrs. Cummings' son, Rollo Cummings, while hunting in a deep canyon in Montana this winter. Mrs. Cummings has been offered several tempting sums for the specimen, but refuses to part with it.

The Atchison Globe says that Walter Berry was digging in a sand bank near Sugar lake one day recently and found a set of deer horns. It was on the Iden place, south of the Armour ice house The horns were about four feet underground. Berry figures that the deer that carried the horns must have died a hundred or more years ago. They are in a rare state of preservation.

E. F. Monahan, instructor in Zoology in Baker university, and W. D. Green, class of 1907, have returned from a trip to the Northwest, where they have been collecting birds, mammals, plants and insects for the museum of natural history The expedition was sent out last May. A fine group of large animals, such as bears, deer, wolves, mountain goats and mountain lions were brought in. This is the first of a series of similar expeditions which Professor Parmeter is planning to send out.

W. E. Lumb, of Alta Vista, is said to possess a beautifully printed copy of the celebrated Genevan edition of the scriptures, popularly known as the "Geneva Bible." It was printed and published in 1599, and has been in the possession of the Lumb family for 303 years. It is known in history also as the "Breeches Bible" from the fact that the word "apron" in the Garden of Eden episode is translated "breeches." The Geneva edition was translated and published in Geneva by English refugees, who fled from England to Switzerland in order to escape the horrible persecutions of "bloody Queen Mary" and the volume referred to owes is existence to the devotion and heroism of those noble souls who endured the loss of all things for conscience sake.

Jasper Coffey and Robt Teichman recently excavated an ancient Indian mound on the Coffey farm two miles south of Atchison. The skeletons of several Indians which were badly burned and decayed were exhumed. Henry Eiche has discovered another mound in the same locality which will be thoroughly explored by the editor of this column, very shortly, and the results will be given the readers of the WEST.

Capt Philip E. Chappell, who had made a thorough study of the Indians and early history of Kansas and Missouri, and had written much on these subjects and archaeology, died at his home in Kansas City recently at the age of 70 years. Mr. Chappell was an old Missouri River steamboat man and was considered the best authority on the navigation of that stream. He was the author of "A History of the Missouri River."

If you don't see what you want in the WEST, ask the publisher for it. Remember, suggestions for betterment are always gladly received.

The Cow Bird--by Glen M. Hathorn, A. M.

The English Sparrow, since its introduction into the United States in 1850, has increased so alarmingly in numbers that they have long been considered a nuisance, and what effect their further increase will have upon our native birds can only be conjectured.

But a greater enemy among our feathered inhabitants. and one that is not so well known, is the Cowbird. a bird that neither makes a nest of its own, or cares for its young when hatched. The female deposits her egg in the nest of some smaller bird when the owner is absent, and thrusts the duties of hatching it and caring for the young upon the owners of the nest,this being the predominate evil which makes this species a very undesirable summer resident.

Someone has stated that every Cowbird is reared at the expense of at least three song birds. and anyone familiar with this oird can no doubt testify to the accuracy of this assertion, and many instances of the sagacity of the Yellow Warbler building double nests in order to cover up, (even at the expense of her own), eggs of this species, are quite common.

It would be very interesting to note whether or not the female Cowbird deposits more than one egg in the same nest, but how this data could be obtained is a question.

This calls to mind a case which I discovered in 1893. On the 12th of May I found a nest of a Chewink which contained three eggs, and I decided to leave them in order to secure the set, but upon my next visit to the nest I discovered there were seven eggs, and as only two days had intervened between this and my former visit. I knew that there should have been but five eggs at the most. I further discovered that they were not Chewinks eggs at all, but were Cowbirds eggs,and the three eggs found in the nest on the 12th had been removed, (a well known trait of this species), and seven Cowbirds eggs had been deposited in two days; surely this was quick work. Another season I found the nest of an American Redstart in a small patch of hazel brush in a deep woods. There were two young Redstarts and one young Cowbird in the nest,and as I approached the latter had one of the Redstarts upon its back trying to throw it out of the nest, but the poor motherless creature never succeeded, and has not yet awakened to tell us what it dreamed about.

From the above it will readily be seen that the Cowbird is not a very desirable citizen, and every means to check their increase should be exerted.

Their eggs and young should be destroyed whenever found, and the Audubon Society, through its official organ, should so instruct its members.

Postal Showers. "Postal showers" form the newest method of disturbing the peace of couples on thier honeymoons. The plan was devised by a man fond of a "practical joke" and his suggestion found ready and wide acceptance. Though honeymooners seek to keep secret the itinerary of their wedding trips they naturally tell their nearest relatives where they are going. Of course a member of the family always whispers that secret to another and finally a persistently inquisitive person gets the itinerary and proceeds to make life miserable for the couple. Scores of postal cards, with as many silly sentiments written thereon are sent to the hotels where the couple will stop.

Our Early Geological Publications "Era"

The papers upon geological subjects contributed by Samuel Webster, Samuel Deane, Benjamin Lincoln and Jeremy Belknap in the memoirs of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences for 1785 are probably the first published articles upon the geoloigcal subjects which appeared in this country.

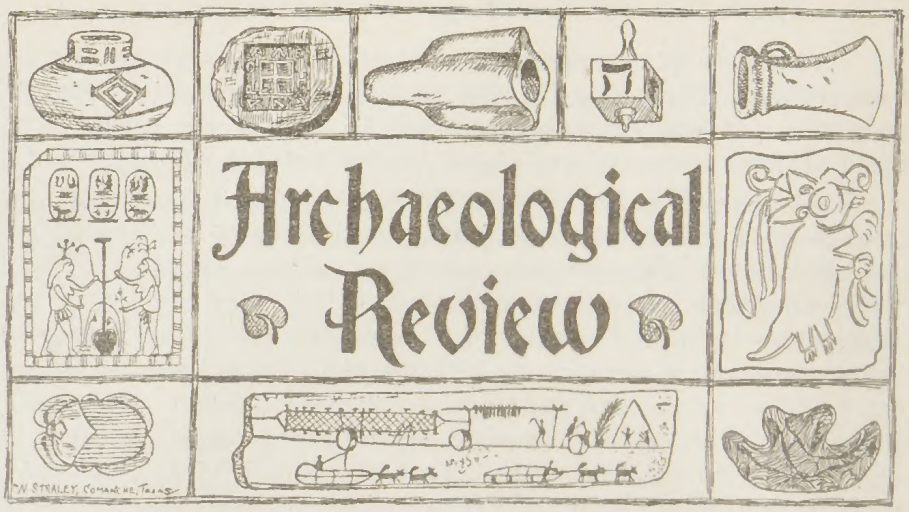
The transactions of various philosophical and scientific society of the latter part of the eighteenth century occasionally contained short articles upon mineralgy, discovery of fossil remains (one paper in 1799 Transactions of the American Philosophical Society being from the pen of no less a personage than the president of the United States—Thos Jefferson) and other subjects which are nearly akin to geological study, but it was not until 1807 that the first volume devoted entirely to the subject appeared in a thick little duo-decimo volume of some five hundred pages by Dr. James Mease which rejoiced in the sonorous title "A Geological Account of the United States, Comprehending a short Description of their Animal, Vegatable, and Mineral Productions, Antiquities and Curiosities." This work was not such that it made much impress on the scientific world and William Maclure's "Observations on the Geology of the United States" is usually given the place of honor as the first "standard" American geological work.

Wm. Maclure, who has been styled the father of American Geology was born in Ayr, Scotland in 1763. At the close of the Revolutionry War he visited America, and became so impressed with the country that in 1796 he removed to Philadelphia, in the meantime having accumulated a comfortable fortune in London. He became an American citizen and soon allied himself with the Philadelphia Academy of Science, being in Dec. 1817 elected president, which office he held for twenty-two years, and to which institution he bequeathed his valuable library and $25,000. He died at San Angel, Mexico, March 23, 1840.

I pin my faith to the view card because as long as people admire beautiful and interesting scenery their nature is so constituted that they almost invariably desire to share their appreciation with others, and it is on this principle alone that the enormous postcard trade of the world is founded. Not everyone, however, appreciates a beautiful landscape; their opportunities may have been small, their horizon a narrow one, bounded perhaps by the town in which they live, the street in which they reside, the factory or office in which they work But if their eyes are blinded to the beauties of mountain and stream, of meadow or seascape, they are probably the more open to that other section of nature which is called "human," and this again extends to the animal kingdom, whether wild or domesticated, though generally speaking domesticated animals prevail to the extent of nine tenths over those in a wild state. To reduce these abstract ideas to practical fact, I mean to say that those who do not care much for view cards will probably be interested in pictures of actresses, of children, or of animals.

Collectors of old linen may be interested to learn that a tablecloth which formerly belonged to the Great Duke of Wellington, has just been lost in conveyance between Apsley House and the laundry. The tablecloth has been valued at $750 and heavy damages have been accorded to the Duke for its loss.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—Publishers of archaeological journals and books, are requested to send copies for review, to address below. Also desire notes and clippings of archaeological interest. Proper credit given to all correspondents.
David B. Emert, Dawson, Shelby Co., Ohio.



From Mr. Chas. Vogel of Cleveland I have received news of a mound in Cleveland Ohio. This mound is situated at 2762 East 53rd St., on the property of J. G. Hobbie, president of the Central Institute Co.

Boys digging in the loose earth brought to light a skull and several smaller bones. A Central high school student discovered the well preserved leg bones of a skeleton and also dug up four fine arrow heads. Forty years ago the mound was identified and described by Charles Whittlesey, who explored it to some extent by tunneling to the center. Copper beads and a stone pipe unlike anything previously discovered were found at that time and placed in the Historical Museum. Mr. Whittlesey confidently predicted that other relics of great archaeological value would be found if the mound was thoroughly explored. Dean Mathews, executive secretary of Western Reserve University, who is superintending the present excavations is enthusiastic over the discovery, and says. "The skull is undoubtedly many hnudred years old, and from its shape would say that it belonged to one of the 'broad heads' of primitive days. The teeth are worn down indicating that the man was old. The mound was no doubt built for burial purposes and there should be valuables found in some pocket near where the bones were interred. Secretary Mills of the Ohio Historical and Archeological Society is expected to take charge of the work later on.

An ancient Egyptian tomb, weighing 250 tons, situated near the Pyramids, twenty miles from Cairo, may be removed to Chicago as a specimen for exhibition in the Field Museum of natural history. The tomb is near the Pyramid Sakkara and is many miles from a railroad. It will be shipped in sections.

Professor H. A. Saunders of the Michigan University, says that the Freer Bible Manuscript, recently brought from Egypt. is nothing less than a complete new codex, covering two thirds of the Bible, and as authentic as any of the three codices heretofore known, viz., the Vatican, the Alexandrian and the Sinaitic. The period of the collection Prof. Saunders places at from 400 to 600 A. D. The book does not contain the Revelation of St. John, but Prof. Saunders made an interesting observation that as the Revelation of St.

Peter was found some years ago near where this Freer Codex was unearthed, it is probable that the new codex was part of a Bible of six books, which included the Revelation of St. Peter instead of St John and was used by a Greek church in Upper Egypt and buried or lost at the time of the Moslem invasion in Egypt in 640 A D.

A vase of beautiful workmanship with inscriptions tending to show it to have been the property of Cleopatra, and upon which is painted a portrait of Julius Caesar, in the costume of a Greek god, has been found in a shrine by the Randall Maciver Expedition of the University of Pennsylvania, at Anibeh, in Egypt.

As a number of the readers are interested in geology, I give a short review of two excellent works published by the Geological Survey, Washington, D C

Prof. Paper No. 36 —The Lead, Zinc and Fluorsparr Deposits of Western Kentucky. This paper is well illustrated with plates of fossils found in the deposits.

Prof. Paper No. 47.—The Tertiary and Quaternary Pectens of California. A thorough description of fossil Pectens with 53 fine plates.

Notes of a Pennsylvania Historical Society

By J. Braden

In the rooms of the Washington County Historical Society at Washington, Pa., is quite an interesting collection of relics, curios, etc.

Perhaps the most important part of the collection is a large case of eastern curios collected by the late Capt. Philo Norton McGiffin who commanded a Chinese battleship in the Battle of the Yalu River in the war between China and Japan thus being the first American to command a modern iron clad battleship in an active engagement.

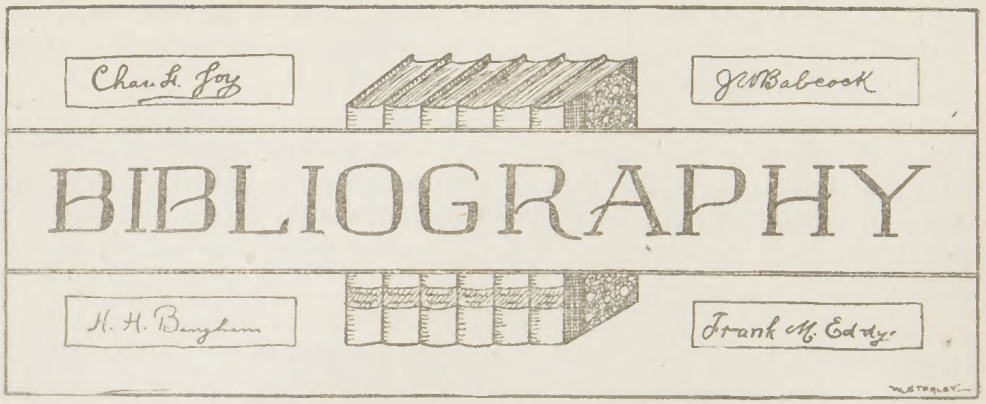
This case contains many things of interest, such as blow-guns with poisoned tips, ivory carvings, old Arabian guns, swords, etc., and a large saw from the saw-fish said to be the second best specimen in the U. S., the largest being in the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, D. C.

By way of Indian relics there are several large cases belonging to George A. Strauss of West Alexander, Pa These contain many arrow and spear heads, drills, scrapers, pipes, bone awls, beads, axes, celts, pipes, polishing stones, and a number of very fine gem arrow points from Oregon. This collection also contains several flint fish-hooks, said by many to be forgeries. Nearly every state in the union is represented in this collection.

Coins are represented by quite a nice collection loaned by Prof. Best of Waynesburg, Pa.

Besides these there are many pioneer and war relics, a large case of shells and corals, numerous pictures of places and persons of historical interest. Among some things worthy of special mention are some fine pairs of duelling pistols, a letter by A. Lincoln to Sec Seward, various relics from the house in Amity, Pa., in which the manuscript of the "Book of Mormons" was written. What a grand thing it would be if every county in every state would organize a historical society to advance interest in the history of the county and preserve its relics.

Publisher will be pleased to hear of other Societies or collectors.



Notes of Interest to the Book and Manuscript Collector by Verna Weston Hanway

(Continued from last issue.)

I cannot refrain from quoting a few pertinent remarks from an excellent article, "Autograph Talk."

"Everybody wants the star pieces,' Washington, Lincoln, Grant, Poe, Hawthorne, Longfellow, and people of that class and passes by the minor names. This competition on a few names drives them up to high prices,and corrrespondingly depresses the others. * * * It is rather an evidence of a shallow education to have only the best known pieces. It looks as if one did not know of the other good men who failed to attain great notoriety.

The other day I asked Charles F. Burns, the veteran dealer, why autograph collecting had declined. He said it was due to the absurd prices paid in competition by the 'ignorant rich' at auctions, and to the high prices reported as paid at private sales by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Bibxy,and others, with more money than knowledge of values. This had, he thought, frightened persons of moderate means from collecting.

Collectors stay away from auction sales fearing that the prices will be too high for them, and later they hear that, their wants sold for one-half what they would have been glad to pay. No attention should be paid to foolish newspaper reports. They may or may not be true, and if true they have no bearing on the real values.

There is something sacred about a document that has come from the hands of Washington, or other great men of the past. It should not be degraded to a matter of dollars and cents. All have a contempt for the man who boasts of the money his collections cost him."

From the same journal I quote the prices paid for certain documents at recent sales. A signed autograph by Marie Corelli, $4.00 One by Rudyar Kipling $3.25, while various papers by Andrew Jackson, Henry Spencer, and Wm. Thackery sold for $1 40, $3 00, and $18.25 respectively.

At a sale Nov. 8th, at Sotheby, Wilkinson and Hodges' an A. L. S. (autograph letter signed) of Charles I realized $280.00. An autograph letter by Washington relating to the capture of Prince William Henry sold in November at Dais and Harvey's Philadelphia, for $250 00. An A. L. S. by Martha Washington for $15.00, and one by Alexander Hamilton for $130.00

Autograph Notes by "Era"

At an auction sale in London a year ago, a number of autographic papers originating with parties prominent in French revolutionary days changed hands. Among these papers was a letter dated 1797 signed by Napoleon which sold at $20. Another one dated 1804 bought $28 75, an autograph letter of J. J. Guillotin, the inventor of the machine which ended the career of so many of the prominent characters of those stormy days brought $7.57, a document signed by Marie Antoinette sold at $23 00, an autograph letter of Josephine, Napoleon's first consort went at $15.00. an autograph letter of Louis XXVI brought $21.00, autoraph letters of seveal of the marshals were also sold, that of Bernadotte bringing$ 5 25, De Saix $15.75 Oudinot $4.75, Drouet $10.50. These documents were from the collection of the late Frederick Baker.

A New York dealer offers a rare autograph letter of William Cowper, the famous English poet written in 1786 in which he says "I am at present occupied in a very long and laborious work, a translation of Homer." The price asked is $25.00.

The same dealer also offers a signature of Governor Edward Winslow of the Plymouth Colony, dated 1639. The signature is said to be the one taken from his family Bible, under which circumstances the price asked—$10 00—would seem to be exceedingly low.

An autograph verse:

"Let Erin remember the days of old,
Ere her faithless sons betrayed her,
When Malachi wore the collar of gold,
Which he won from the proud invader"

written by Thomas Moore, the Irish poet in 1847 is considered as worth $7.50 by its owner. An autograph letter from the same author is held at $3.50.

Autograph letters of artists, poets, and literary men appear to be going up in value. Sixteen lots of autograph letters, including those of Thackery, Charles Dickens, Thomas Carlyle, addressed to Mrs. Gore, the novelist, sold for $180 quite recently, and at the same sale portions of two autograph songs went for $150.

At the sale of Lord Brampton's books last month, five guineas was paid $25 for a set of the "Newgate Calendar," that fascinating record of old crimes and criminals. Other records of the famous judge were sold, good prices being realised.

A far from perfect copy of The Complete Angler" was sold at Auction in London recently for $500. At the same sale a Prayer Book of Edward VI., dated 1522, realised $410 and several autograph letters of Dryden were knocked down to the purchaser at $915.

The Bible reputed to be John Milton's bought by a wealthy American recently for $12,500 is now said to be a doubtfull origin and the supposed signature of the poet a forgery.



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CORRECTION: No. 53 Magnus Hansen, address should be "Thuresensgade 33K "Trouisnsgade 33K." Copenhagen, Denmark, is published in last issue.

WINNERS OF CONTEST NO 1.

Walter Schmus, Chicago, Ill., 1st, Honorary Life Membership. Harry C. Wlider, Carthage, N. Y. 2nd: One year paid up membership Peter B. Carr Belleville Illinois 3rd: one dozen colored views of the Adirondack mountains.

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DEFENCE FUND.

A defence fund shall be maintained by this club for protection of its members and any member sending another member a card and failing to receive reply according to the time limit allowed by our own rules, can make application to the Sec. of the club for reimbursement for cost of card plus postage on same under following conditions: No member will be reimbursed until two other members have reported as failing to receive reply from the dishonest collector, the dishonest collector expelled, then the three reporting members will be reimbursed at the same time. No member can make claim for more than 25c for the one year of his or her membership in the club.

Dear Fellow Members:—Beginning with this issue we will publish a list of honorary life members. This list will be permanent and we will be pleased to add new names from time to time. To have your name on this means that you are worthy of the honor, or it would not be there; and to give you a chance to gain this honor we are going to have new and different contests from time to time as an inducement for you to do some hustling for the club and at the same time a benent for yourself. In our new contest it will take only five new members to have your name on the Honorary Life Membership Roll. How many of you will take advantage of this proposition? It would be a pleasure to us to see this list grow, but you cannot expect to see it do so unless you get busy. How many of you will obtain at least one new member for the club before June 15 1908? Tell your card collecting friends what your intentions are No doubt they will join the club if you will only take the time and trouble to tell them about it. In conclusion I will say that if each one of the members will do that much for the club, we will soon be stepping to the front and the A. P. S. C. C. will be a club to be proud of. The officers cannot do all.so let us see what YOU can do in the future.

Sincerely,
James A. Carr, Jr., Sec-Treas.





ODDS AND ENDS





The King of Italy, who, it is well known, possesses a splendid collection of upwards of 60,000 coins has just received as a present from President Roosevelt specimens of a new ten and twenty dollar gold coins minted in the United States recently.

It is hoped that none of our readers will become so wedded to their collection of stamps as to commit suicide, like a collector in Belgium who recently suffocated himself owing to the grief he felt at the accidental loss of his stamp collection, which had been destroyed by fire.

Professor Boyd Dawkins, of Manchester, has just succeeded in uncovering an ancient pitdwelling, found in the boulder clay near Hornsea Holderness. The dwelling is 5 ft. 8 in. deep, and was found to contain some beautifully formed flint knives and scrapers, as well as stone pounders. A little above the pitdwelling in the rubbish heap that covered it were found bronze implement, which seems to indicate that the pitdwelling was that of neolithic man before the bronze age.

The Baths of Diocletian, in Rome, are about to be restored. King Victor Emmanuel has offered $40000 towards the restoration, which it is hoped will be completed for the celebration of the Festival of Rome in 1911.

Many of our English readers have doubtless been interested in looking at the old railroad engines on view in the patent section of the South Kensington Museum, and they will be glad to learn that the London and North Western Railway Company propose to establish an exhibition near Euston Station, in which it is intended to display various curios connected with railway traveling.

The famous "Ship", of Greenwich has been closed, for a time, at any rate. The "Ship' is interesting to collectors of seventeenth century tokens, inasmuch as one of these traders' pieces was issued from the tavern in 1640. The whitebait dinners, for which the "Ship Inn" was once famous, have been given up for some time past.

Steps are about to be taken to erect a local Museum in Manchetser. Manchester is certainly not a center in the curio world, but there are many enthusatic antiquarians in the neighborhood who would be glad to see the curiosities and relics of old Manchester safely housed.

An ancient burying place under a large cairn of stones at Annaghkeen,

county Gawlay, has just been opened. Several funeral urns and an old bronze dagger were found.

One of the most interesting events recently has been the dispersal of the Middlebrook Museum, at which sale, held at Debenham and Storr's auction rooms, some good bargains were secured by curio hunters. The great auk's egg, which Mr. Middlebrook purchased for $1545 recently, was knocked down to the lucky purchaser at $550. A fine oil painting by George Morland went for $13. One of the features of the sale was the famous bugle with which the trumpeter sounded the fatal charge of Balaclava. This bugle, which originally cost its owner $1850, was sold for $1500, and the famous flag of the Chesapeake, hauled down in the famous engagement in Boston Bay on June 1st, 1813 reailsed $4250 The readers will be pleased to learn that both the bugle and the flag will come on this side the Atlantic.

Some old silver plate, bearing the 1629 hall mark, changed hands a few days ago at $185 per oz. A mug of Charles II.'s reign, dated 1684, at the same sale fetched $42 50 per oz.

The collection of old Staffordshire pottery, dispersed in London recently, realised rather disappointing figures. The average price for perfect old Staffordshire ware figures was about $5 each.

A quantity of silver sauce boats, upwards of 120 years old changed hands recently at an average price of 20c per oz Cream jugs of the same date, however, realised much better prices. There is quite a demand just now for old eighteenth century silver cream jugs. If any of our readers have specimens they wish to dispose of now is the time to do so.

Some of our readers appear to have mistaken ideas as to the value of old needlework pictures. The rug work and wool work pictures of fifty or sixty years ago realise but small prices when brought under the hammer, the fine needlework with long threads, done about a hundred years ago, however realise good prices, when in fair condition.

The Berlin Lyceum Club will hold an International Exhibition of home industries, in February 1909.

The sale of old Sevres and Dresden china collected by the late Mr. C. J. Dickins will be sold in London. One of the chief attractions of the sale will be the beautiful "Countess de Koessel," a Dresden figure which fetched $5,000 at Christies' last year.

In the report of the Newcastle Society of Antiquaries, issued recently, allusion was made to excavations which have been made on the sites of the old camps of Agricola and Hadrian, and especially of the wall built by Hadrian. The well of St. Bede at Jarrow is about to be preserved. It is said that this well is much older than the introduction of Christianity by St. Bede, and that it dates from Roman times

A short time ago a man ploughing in Hampshire was rewarded for his careful search when following the plough by finding several small brass coins of Constantine the Great in good preservation Unfortunately the majority of old coins turned up by the plough are so corroded by atmosphere and soil that they are scarcely recognisable although an expert can often tell by some familiar feature on the obverse or reverse the period to which they belong. Finders should submit specimens they are in doubt about to an expert, who is willing to give them information in reference to curios.

MINERALOGY



EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles, etc to this Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive Mont., will be answered as far as possible in this dept.—Forest Gaines]

Recently Henry Lesch caught a twelve-pound pickeral and wishing to show his children the construction of the bones in the fish's head, had it cooked. While examining it he found what appeared to be perfectly round white pebble in the nose Mr. Lesch took the stone to a jeweler and was told that it was a pearl which would have been worth at least sixty five dollars if it had not been cooked.—Osage, (Iowa) News.

While at work on the Milwaukee roadbed near Helena, Mont., recently, workmen unearthed the teeth and bones of a gigantic mastodon. The largest tooth weighs more than four pounds Dr. Chas N. Reinig, who has made many explorations in the wilds of South America, and who has a large collection of mastodonic relics estimates that the animal had been dead for more than 20,000 years. The fossils were found in Jaw Bone canyon, and the theory of Dr. Reinig is that these monstrous animals flourished in these latitudes at a prehistoric period when the tilting of the earth with reference to the sun had made this a tropic region.

A recent dispatch from Edmonton, Alberta Canada, says that Inspector A. E C. McDonnell of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police has returned after superintending the cutting of the military trail fo the Dominion government from Edmonton to Dawson City. This military highway will soon become a big factor in the opening up of an immensely wealthy region which was hitherto unexplored. It starts at Edmonton and from that point a first class wagon road extends to Fort John on the Peace river, a distance of 500 miles. The first part of the road was uninteresting but as soon as the party reached the Rocky mountains the discovery of mineral deposits commenced. Gold, iron ore, copper, oil, coal, asphaltum, molybdenum, silver, and many other minerals were discovered in paying quantities, but were valueless owing to the great distance from civilization. The most valuable deposit discovered was gold on one of the northern streams, and Inspector McDonnell is of the opinion the discovery will surpass the Klondyke for richness

Free gold was washed out by several of the party which went over $100 to the pan and in addition several exceptionally rich reefs of goldbearing quartz were discovered This important roadway is but eight feet wide but 1,780 miles long and will prove of inestimable value to prospectors and police who have occasion to travel the unexplored wilds of Northern Canada. It makes an All Canadian route to the Yukon and will be used for bringing

down prisoners who would otherwise take advantage of crossing American soil. Accompanying Inspector McDowell were sixteen members of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police who finished up the remaining 180 miles of the trail left uncompleted last winter when the weather became too severe. Next summer it is the intention of the police to extend this road to Atlin and eventually farther north, opening up a country which at the present time is practically unknown.

Something about C. W. Riggs

Editor West:

In the Febuary issue of THE WEST, Mr. David B. Emert, of Dawson, Ohio, editor of the The "Archaeological Review," makes inquiry concerning the whereabouts of Mr. C. W. Riggs. hunter trapper, and mound explorer. Now I cannot give Mr. Emert the desired information, but like him, I too have lost track of Mr. Riggs and have often wanted to communicate with him, but did not know his address.

I met Mr. Riggs at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, in 1893, where he had a collection of archaeological specimens in the Anthropology building. I conversed with him on several occasions and found him to be a very interesting gentleman.

Mr. Riggs made a collection of ancient pottery from the Mississippi Valley which was said to be one of the finest in the country.

In my archaeological and historical library is a little booklet written by Mr. Riggs and which he presented to me during the World's Fair mentioned above: "How We Find Relics.—Pleasures and Perils On the Mississippi River in a Floating Home.—Camp Life in the Wilderness.—A series of letters by C. W. Riggs written while hunting and collecting in the Sunny South Land.—The Mound Builders; Off for the Wilderness; A River Voyage; Digging into the Past; Life in on a Bayou; Photography in the Backwoods; A Trappers Tribute to the Press.—Chicago: W. B. Conkey Company, Printers; 1893." It is a paper bound book of 108 pages and contains much of interest.

George J. Remsburg. Oak Mills, Kans.

MARKING VALUABLE LETTERS.

One day, several years ago, I was in the book store of G. H. Huntley, an old friend. I wanted a book costing less than one dollar and he had to order it. As I was in a hurry he said he would order it at once and proceeded to put the change in an envelope with the letter after wrapping coins so there was no danger of them wearing through the envelope.

I protested against sending coin saying that it was not safe and advised check, Money Order, or registered or else stamps. He said, "Say young fellow, let me show you a trick which I have tried for 40 years and have never lost a cent tho' I have sent money hundreds of times." A friend in Canada put me on to it and it is just this: After you fix your letter mark the face of the envelope with any character to show that it has been marked purposely and you will have no trouble in your money going safely. If any mail gets thro' you can depend on that letter being in the lot. I usually mark the envelope just above the name with X or (?) Always do this and your money is safe." That struck me as being a good idea and I have tried it a hundred times since and have my first cent to lose.—L. C. Gully.

The 50th monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, March 6th, President Virgle M. Brand presiding. The following members responded to roll call: Messrs. Carey, Holmes, Brand, Sears, Chester Dunhaf. Huber, Tracy Smpon, Excell, Williams, Bludmenschein, McDonald, Leon, Merrill, Sorensen, Ripstra, W. F. Dunham, Verkler, and Green. The following gentlemen were elected to membership: R V. Puttkamer, Norman Regitz, Frank X. Mayer, Anton F. Esterquist, John A. Lewis, Chas. E. Mueller, Phillip R. Brand and Phillip B. Lusson

Mr. Chas. K. Warner of Philadelphia presented the Society with a number of bronze and other medals, and cards, to be instaled as The Chas. Warner Collection. Five aluminum Lincoln tokens relating to Illinos were recieived from Thos, L. Elder, New York. Copper medals commemorating the 50th monthly meeting were distributed to those present, and one each ordered to be sent to the remaining members. It was ordered that copies struck in Sterling silver should be offered for sale for a limited time at $1.25 each. *It was moved and carried that no more medals be struck in copper, and that one of each metal be placed in the Society's cabinet.

The Censor reported on the issuance of the Bulletin and a motion was carried authorizing the continuance of same monthly, with a minimum of eight pages to each number. The President was authorized to appoint a committee of four to act with him as an Editorial Committee, which Committee is given full discretion as to matter to be published, the acceptance of advertisements, etc. Mr. Tracy read a paper on Russian Roubles, and showed the various types which have been coined. Dr. Merrill demonstrated the cleaning of gold and silver coins by means of acids. Mr. Williams exhibited a proof of the pattern dollar of the Princess Kaiulani of Hawaii.

A paper on the Pattern Coins of Canada was received from Mr. R W. McLachlan Magazines received were: Philatelic West and Spink's Numismatic Circular for February, and The Numismatist and Mehl's Monthly for March Auction catalogues were received from Henry Chapman, Elder Green, Adolph, Heiss and Mehl.

Mr Tierney was present as a visitor.

Adjourned to meet April 3rd, 1908

Ben G. Green. Secretary.

*The publisher is pleased to have received one of the above and it is as fine a token as we have seen.

COIN NOTES

A 2 kroner piece has recently been struck in Sweden (1907) to commemorate the golden wedding of King Oscar II and Queen Sofia.

A bill has been introduced, and favorably reported upon by a committee in congress to restore the motto "In God we trust" to our gold coins, it having been omitted from the St. Gaudens designs for the new ten and twenty dollar pieces.

Some of the small dwarf figures for which the Crown Derby pottery was noted fetch very high price when brought under the hammer. It is said that a complete set consists of thirtysix. The average price per pair is about $80, but at a recent sale in London twenty seven were put up in one lot, being knocked down to the delighted purchaser for $2,100

American Historical Discoveries....

By





EDITOR'S NOTE

THE EDITOR OF THIS DEPARTMENT WILL BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE COPIES OF HISTORICAL MAGAZINES AND BOOKS ON HISTORICAL SUBJECTS FOR REVIEW; ALSO CLIPPINGS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST. PROPER CREDIT TO ALL CORRESPONDENTS

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EDITORS NOTE.—Any suggestions, clippings, magazines, etc., will be gratefully received. P. M. CONNER, 447 N. 42nd St., Philadelphia, Penn.

Independence Hall, in Philadelphia, occupies, with Independence Square an entire city block. From Chestnut to Walnut Streets and from Fifth to Sixth Streets.

It faces to the southward, its front being on Independence Square and what is now usually regarded as the front, on Chestnut Street is really the back. The reason for this is, that at the time the Hall was built the main part of Philadelphia lay to the southward of the site selected.

The building was erected in 1729-35 by the Provincial Government to be used as the Colonial State House and what is now known as Independence Square was then known as State House Yard.

It was used by the Provincial officials up until the time of the Revolution. It was here the several Continental Congresses met and here were discussed those questions so momentous to the Colonies. In this hall was arranged the preliminaries of the establishment of the limited states, now the grandest nation on the face of the globe.

The Declaration of Independence was debated here and its halls rang with eloquence of patriots such as Hamilton, Jefferson, Adams and their companions

For these associations it was named Independence Hall, and as such let it ever be known and revered.

From the time of the removal of the seat of government to Washington it has been used by various societies and public offices and has of a consequence, undergone many minor changes. But in 1897-8 the whole of the main building was renovated and restored as nearly as possible to its original condition. It is henceforth to be a national monument to the birth of our nation and is open freely to the public.

The museum is in charge of the local Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and is being gradually filled authentic relics of historical interest.

Of course, the most interesting object of all is the Liberty Bell, whose peals first announcerd the legal birth of our Republic. It is suspended from its original beam, within an ornamental glass case, the purpose of which is to protect it from vandalism. The bell shows marks on its edge where unfeeling souvenir hunters have chipped off pieces, prior to the placing of the

glass case.

The bell was originally cast in London and arrived in America in about 1752. It had been cracked in transport and twice recast before it was found satisfactory. It was hung in the steeple in 1753

The inscriptions were the same as were cast in the original bell and it did indeed "Proclaim liberty throughout the land" on that momentous day July 8, 1776 In 1777 when the British Army threatened Philadelphia the bell was carefully removed and taken to Bethlehem: where it remained until the British left the city.

Naturally, after the war, the bell was only used on very particular occasions, such as the visit of Gen. De La Fayette. On July 68th, 1835, while being tolled in memory of Chief Justice Marshall, the bell suddenly cracked. It was thought the tone could be restored by drilling the crack but this only resulted in cracking it further and since 1843 it has been silent.

The ownership of the bell has been claimed a several parties on the ground that the bell was given to their father, or grand father, as part payment for a new bell. But I ask you, is it likely that any patriotic citizen would have ever permitted it? And again, if this be true why has the Philadelphia City Councils the right to send away or keep it at home, at their will? Why don't the claimants institute suit for the possession of the Bell?

The East Room is the one in which the Declaration of Independence was made and signed, and is therefore the most interesting. The recent restoration has not replaced the elegant furniture and hangings which it had at this period, but several of the old desks and chairs are there, among which is the table upon which the Declaration was signed. The room is adorned with a fac-simile of that document, which hangs above the speaker's rostrum, and also with portraits of nearly all of the signers.

The West Room was used for a century for the sittings of the high Provincial and State Courts

The Sons of the American Revolution, now occupy the restored upper floor of the building as the National Museum, which is reached by a winding staircase in the tower. A large number of portraits, all of which are plainly labeled, adorn the walls. Some are spirited originals while others are only copies of ordinary merit. One of the best is that by Allen Ramsay, of George III Among other interesting objects are the original charter of Pennsylvania (1701) signed by William Penn, a slab of the Penn Treaty Elm, two chairs that once belonged to Penn and the small table upon which George Mason drafted the famous Declaration of Rights of Virginia. Additions are constantly being made.

The central building or old state House whose tower is surmounted by a wooden cupola, built in 1828 and containing a clock, is flanked by low open structures on either side. These lead to the old Supreme Courthouse on the east and to Congress Hall on the west.

Independence Square is situated in the heart of the busiest part of the city and is one of its pleasantest spots, a veritable oasis. It was here the first public announcement of the Declaration of Independence was made. It was read to the pubilc July 8th, 1776 from a platform which had been erected there in 1769 to observe a transit of Venus. Here the citizens were wont to assemble for public meetings and celebrations and many Presidents and distinguished men have addressed gatherings in this Square. It occupies 4½

acres and its present arrangement dates from 1828, when the present trees, many of which are rarities, were planted.

The Supreme Court House, to the east of the Hall was built in 1791 for the Supreme Court of the United States as it was then supposed Philadelphia was to be the national capital. When the seat of government was removed to Washington it was used as the City Hall. It is now occupied by the G. A. R. and the Penna. Prison Society, while the building to the rear and facing on 5th Stree is occupied by the American Philosophical Society, founded by Franklin.

The site of Congress Hall, on the west, was, before the Revolutionary War, occupied by a wooden shelter which was used to house visiting Indians. The present building was not completed until 1790 and from then till 1800 was occupied by the Congress of the U.S. Here Washington was inaugurated President in 1793 for a second term with John Adams as Vice-President. Adams, also, in 1797, took the oath as President and Jefferson as Vice-President in 1797. After 1800 it was occupied by the Criminal Courts and became generally known as the "Slaughter House" from the many murder trials which took place here. The courts no longer occupy it and the old building is now empty.

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Picture postcards are beng sent to pet dogs on the continent. A young woman residing at one of the leading hotels at Ostend introduced the fashion. The postcards are inscribed with the dogs' name and addressed care of the owner.

Indian Relics in the Black Hills

By R. E. Holmes

The Black Hills of south Dakota were for ages the hunting ground of the warlike Sioux, althoug there are no indications of their having made it their permanent inhabitance. The reasons for this is not plain unless it were for some superstition, as the climate is delightful in the summer, and in the winter it would be preferable to the bleak prairies, while the fertile valley would supply abundant soil for tilling purposes.

Large implements such as hoes, spades, Mortars, pestles etc., are very seldom found, while arrow points, spear points and especally scrapers are very numerous.

The ancient camps sites are generally situated at the forks of streams or of two large gulches. At these places one can find large quantities of chipping and broken implements, often many whole and perfect specimens are to be found. The scrapers are the most numerous and are of the stemmed variety generally notched scrapers are very scarce.

There is one peculiarity noticeable in almost every case. The camps are never set up close against a hill or bluff, but well up no the slope ranging from twenty to one hundred feet above the lowest surrounding level and on the summit will be found a lot of chippings. This appears that a sentinel to lookout was kept on top, and employed his time in making implements of various kind. It would also seem from this that they were constantly in fear of being attacked by hunting parties of other tribes. This also may be the reason that there has been so much chipping done, for if expecting to be attacked at any time they would no doubt keep a great many arrows on hand that is in case of emergency they should be needed.

The writer has spent much time hunting and collecting Indian relics throughout these various parts of the Black Hills, but has never yet found any signs of ancient burial grounds or permanent village sites, nor, (with the exception of two), and real larger camp sites. The largest of these two is situated about twelve miles south of Deadwood on the Elk creek and has covered about eighty acres of ground. While the other is about fourteen miles east on the same creek and one and one quarter miles west from Piedmont, where the little Elk flows into Elk creek. This site has probably covered about thirty or forty acres

At both these places there has been a great amount of work done and in spots the gound is practically covered with chippings many fine specimens are to be found at either of these places.

The workmanship on almost all the arrows and spears show greater skill than any the writer has ever seen excepting some of those from the riuns in Arizona and New Mexico, and is equal to that of the beautiful Oregon bird points. The material used most is chalcedony, obsidian, agate, jasper and quartzite.

The picture postcard business—which is as yet in its infancy in America—has come to stay. The Universal Postal Convention, at Rome last year, endorsed the picture postcard as an aid to business, and provided special regulations for their universal admission to the mail of the world.

Fossils and What They Are--by L. C. Sparks

Fossils are preserved: First, by entombment or burial; second, by carbonization or low burning; third, by impressions or casts: fourth, by infiltration.

FOSSILIZATION BY ENTOMBMENT: When an organism has been surrounded by a compact, impermeable material before decomposition has set in, it may be preserved without any or with very little change in its original character. For example:—The leaves, twigs and insects found in amber, which are in many instances so well preserved that their specific character may be readily determined.

The bones of terresrial animals, deer antlers, etc., found in the peat bogs of Ireland, and in other parts of the old world.

The remains of man and in fact of whole caravans that have been overcome by drifting sands and have remained buried for centuries, in the desert of Africa.

Organic remains found entombed in volcanic debris.

The bones of terestial animals found in alluvial deposits and in caves.

The remains of plant and animal life of recent origin found in rock or sediment now in the process of formation.

It must be explained, however, that the organisms so fossilized are not "petrified" but are of very nearly their original composition. Such fossils are usually of recent formation, although Prof. Leo Lesquereaux relates of having found fragments of wood imbedded in stone of the Carboniferous Age, preserving the flexible texture of the wood, the bark and epidermis.

FOSSILIZATION BY CARBONIZATION:—Plants growing in swamps are shielded by immersion in water from the rapid decay produced by the oxygen of the air. The plants do no escape decomposition, but the process is rendered very slow, by peculiar chemical conditions, very much like the burning of wood for charcoal.

It is in this way that the remains of a luxuriant vegetation heaped each year upon the bottom of the ancient swamp has been transformed, first into east, then into lignite and finally into coal. The coal, when cut into thin strips and viewed under the microscope frequently exhibits a fibrous and cellular structure, easily recognized as pertaining to vegetable tissue and giving an insight into the character of the material from which our coal was formed. Occasionally a sort of charcoal bearing leaf scars may befound between layers of compact coal. My coal shed has rendered me some interesting specimens in which the woody fibre is plainly visible to the naked eye. Fossilization by "Infiltrationz" and by "Casts" will be treated in next month's WEST.

Mr. Gray, the churchwarden of St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, London, has just secured a constable's staff, once the symbol of the parish beadle of Coleman Street Ward. Quite recently a large collection of constable's staffs was sold in London, and many of them were secured by persons interested in the different locali'ies from which they had been gathered together.

The sale rooms are now crowded with curios, antiques and other treasures which will shortly be dispersed. A collection of violins has just been sold by Glendining and Co, several of them realizing prices from $200 to $350.



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Those whose memberships have expired are kindly asked to renew at once: Each one is notified and blank sent for renewal. All members of the Kosmoilt exchange are asked to renew as from time to time their memberships expire. F Fred. Smith, Grayson, Neb., thinks there should be more collectors from Nebraska, and we think he is right and there should be more from other states also. If you will join we will do our part. We are sorry to say a mistake has been made in the initals of our V. P. of South Dakota. His name and address is M. F. L. Eddy, Lock box 592, Aberdeen, South Dakota. He wishes collectors to know that while he exchanges post cards, he prefers to send cards first to those to whom he wishes to exchange.

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Address all communications to the Secretary. Application blanks and particulars furnished free upon request by any of the officers or representatives.

NOTICE. March 16th, 1908.

After our report J completed each month, it is carefully gone over and all mistakes are corrected before it is transmitted to the printer for publication. We realise that owing to the diversity and oddness of the names and addressses and other terms which we publish it is almost impossible to have every thing set up correct to the letter.

The Union desires therefore to ask the pardon and endurance of those whose names or addresses, are or will be, sometimes incorrectly printed. It

is our desire to have our reports correct in every detail, but we cannot assume the responsibility for typographical errors.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Our Five Leaders.

Points to date:—91. L. W. Dison 21 903. Arraldo Gishla 13 868. Mrs. John Hoffman 7 1135. T. G. Griffin 7 486. Dr. W. P. Taylor.

The following members have secured one or more points. 546. P. Hardwick, new points, 3, total points 3. 882. Mrs. O. Illing new points 1, total points 1. 974. Mrs. Jennie L. Perkins new points 1, total points 1. 981. Mrs. E. A. Herndon new points 1, total points 1. 1028. Kenneth D. Powell new points 1, total points 1. 1135. T. G. Griffin previous points 6, new points 1, total points 7. 1200. Harold L. Townsend new points 1, total points 1. 1280 Georges Remboulis previous points 1, new points 1, total points 2. 1332. A. J. Lins new points 1, total points 1. 1399. Stephen B Smith, new points 1, total points 1.

OUR CODE.

For the information of those who have recently joined The Union, we publish below the Code which has been adopted by our society.

Code Words: Invitation to Exchange: ACTINA—I desire to exchange postcards with you; please confirm on your part whether exchange is accepted or not.

ADAR—Please place postage stamp on picture side.

Replies to above: AKIN—Exchange accepted. I wish to receive ....

BOLUS—I cannot put stamp on picture side. It is against the postal regulations of our country.

CANAL—Please do not put stamp on view side, as cards coming to our country stamped so, are liable to postage due.

CARAT—Sorry I have to decline your kind offer. (a) for the present I am too busy. (b) have stopped collecting. (c) your cards are not suitable for my collection. (d) I have too many cards from your country.

EXTRA—If you can send better grade of cards, I shall accept your proposition with pleasure.

Different kind of cards required:

FACET—Colored cards.

FIORD—Hand colored cards.

HERMES—Black and white.

JASON—Any kind of views.

LIBEL—Local views

NATURE—I would like to receive: (a) landscapes. (b) sea-scapes. (c) mountains (d) street scenes. (e) parks and gardens. (f) country scenes. (s) places of interest. (h) capitols. (i) postoffices. (j) government buildings. (k) public buildings. (l) light houses. (m) types. (n) leather cards. (o) fancy cards (p) comics. (q) novelty cards. (r) bathing scenes. (s) pen and ink etching. (t) photo cards. (u) commemorative cards (v) portrait. (1) actresses. (2) celebitiess. (3) royalty. (4) beauties. (5) presidents of the United States. (6) rulers of all nations.

NOTICE—Your last cards were insufficiently stamped.

MINIM—Sorry you had to pay postage due on them. Hope you will excuse me. Shall be more careful now.

PARADE—I have received your cards of.....

POSTAL—I sent you cards on.....I am surprised that I have no

reply from you.

RUFUS—I have replied to yours of .....They must have been lost in transit.

SHANGHAI—Please don't send cards in duplicates.

ETON—Please send a duplicate card of yours of

ULTRA Kindly note my change of addresss. My new address is.....

VANDAL—Kindly give my name and address to your friends who collect cards (a) in your town.

WALLUP—(1) Very respectfully yours (2) Sincerely yours. (3) Affectionately yours.

XEBEC—Referring to yours of.....I beg to say that .....

YORK—I do not understand yours of ...Kindly write same in plain English.

ZION—I have forgotten what I wrote on ....so I cannot repeat.

HOW TO USE THE "POST CARD CODE".

Actina fecet natura (a d " v (1) shanghai vandal (a) wallup (3).

Translation: I desire to exchange post cards with you. Please confirm whether exchange is accepted or not. I would like to receive landscapes, street scenes, bathing scenes, portraits of actresses. Please don't send cards in duplicates. Kindly give my name and address to your friends who collect cards in your town Affectionately yours,

REPLY:—Akin libel facet adar notice teston 17-2 07 Wallup (2).

Translation:—Exchange accepted I wish to receive local colored cards. Your last cards were insufficiently stamped. Please send a duplicate card of yours of 17 2 1907 Sincerely yours.

As this Code will not be published monthly, it is important that you keep this for reference

AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

1281. Eustaquio Pellicer (hijo) Banfield. F. C. S., Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic, only exchanges cards with members of the various clubs to which he belongs. Therefore, members of the UNION, one of the clubs to which he belongs, who expect a reply to cards sent for exchange, must always place their Union number thereon, to insure reply.

1315. O. E. Granberry, Ancon, Canal Kone, Panama, will be absent from Panama until July 1st, after which time he will resume exchange.

PRINTER'S ERRORS

1296. Irvin Halman, Ancon, Canal Zone, Panama. In the February WEST, it was stated that Mr. Halman desired to exchange with members of the United States only The notice as sent to the printer read OUTSIDE of the of the United States only. This is another printer's error and we apologize to Mr. Halman and assure him that it is not the Society's fault.

1335. Harison B Strong, R. F. D. No. 2 Box 98. Seeley Creek N Y. The address of Mr. Strong was published as R F D. No. 2, Box 24, Bertrand, Nebr., in the February WEST. which is an error.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

1. Members are required to answer all cards promptly.

2.. Members must place their full name and address and UNION number on all card sent for or in exchnge.

3 Always enclose return postage when sending cards or letters to the Translation Department.

4. Always enclose return postage when writing for information of any kind.

5. Members should promptly renew when their membership expires. else notify the Society that they wish their name withdawh

6. The Society gives as a premium, five beautiful unused cards for each new member secured, and also credits you with one point on the Roll of Honor

7. We close our report on 15th of each month and all notices and new memberships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.

8 Members are requested to notify the publisher if you do not receive the WEST regularly, and not the Secretary of THE UNION The publisher has been paid for you subscription and is under obligations to send you the paper.

9 Members are forbidden, unless requested by their correspondents, to mail view cards, for or in exchange, from states other than the one in which they reside, and members receiving such cards, which are mailed in violation of this rule, are under no obligations to reply

10. The Secretary should be promptly advised in writing of all members who fail to anwser your cards, by giving dates cards were sent as well as full names and addresses of the delinquents. Members in the United States and Canada are allowed one month in which to answer; Mexico, West Indies and Europe, two months; all other places except Australia, three months; Australia, four months.

11 We do not furnish membership lists at regular intervals, nor do we promise to furnish anyone with new list every month, but we will gladly mail lists when published to all sending postage The next list will be out about May 1st, so if you wish a copy, please send postage to the Secretary.

12. We do not have any rules or regulations other than the foregoing, and by carefully complying therewith, we are sure you will be satisfied with your membership in THE UNION.

FOREIGN PHRASES.

As promised last month we submit herewith a list of the Italian and Portuguese translation of common words and phrases in use by card collectors, which we trust will be of value to our members:

ENGLISH	ITALIAN	PORTUGUESE
Will you	Vi piacerebbe	Qule Vmce
exchange	cambiare	trocar
post cards	cartoline postali	billietes postales
with me	con mi	commigo
colored	illustrate	illustrrados
stamp on view	francobolli a tergo	sellos sob o lado illustrado
If possible	se e possibile	si e possivel
I desire to exchange	Vorrei cambiare	Gostaia trroca
street scenes	viste di vie	vistal de ruas
buildings	edifici	edificios
types	figure	figuras
views	viste	vitas
Scenery		scenarios
actresses	attori, attrici	actores, actrices
fancy	caricatture	fantaticas
Send me please	Favorisca mnadarmi	Faz favor mandar-me
Will exchange often	Mi piacerebbe cambiare spesse volte	Gotaria um troco a muido

I read and write English only	Non so che do lire e schrivere l'inglese	Nao se mais que ler a escrever o inglez
Yes, exchange accepted	Si accetto il cambio	Sim senhor acceito
No	no	nao

RENEWALS

405. Arthur L. Shaver, 1106 15th Ave., Altoona, Pa.

413. Earle K. Bryan, 225, Cottage Lane, Dallas, Tex.—foreign only.

466. E. Pierson, Box 95. S. Omaha, Nebr

973. Miss Harriet A. Perkins, 76 Alverson Ave , Providence, R. I.—good colored cards only.

974 Miss Jennie L. Perkins, 76 Alverson Ave., Providence, R. I.—good colored cards only.

981. Mrs. E. A. Herndon, Zachary, La

983. Percy Allen, 1020 Jefferson Ave , Petoskey, Mich.

984 M. Sabri, Tripoli, Barbary, Africa.

1000. Earl M. Brownson, 310 E. Maple Ave., Denver, Colo.

1001. Frank W. Hawes, 215 S. Emerson St., Denver, Colo

1042. Miss Amanda Gade, 2286 Missouri Ave , St. Louis, Mo.

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1398. C. W. Palmer, 1615 N. Comal St , San Antonio, Tex.

1399. Stephen B. Smith, Central Fire Dept., Findlay, O.

1400. Mrs. C. P. Saylor, 55 Massachusetts Ave , N. W. Washington, D. C.

1401. Everett B Thompson, 1513 N. Prospect St., Tacoma, Wash.

1402. Jno. S. Richardson, R. F. D. 5, Box 19. Bessemer, Ala.

1403. Miss Margaret Nunez, Franco 2 (Carlos III), Havana, Cuba.

1404. Miss Kathereen Manning, 44 Ophelia St., Providence, R. I.—good colored cards only.

1405 J. H. Teal, N Fire Dept., Findlay, O.

1406. George W. Miller. Box 126, Dearborn, Mich

1407. Herbert R. Gregg, Loomis, Wash.—Foreign cards only mailed from foreign countries

1408. Miss Leila White, Warwick West, Bermuda.

1409. Miss Ida M Paine, 50 Exchange Place, Providence, R. I.

1410. John M. Pendery 136 W 7th St., Leadville, Colo

1411. Mrs. G H. Searing, Hartington Nebr.—No comics or fancy cards; will send first.

1412. Cancelled.

1413. Edward B. Worley, 723 E. Washington St , Lebanon, Ind —View cards only.

1414. Clifford Krueger, 730 2nd St, Milwaukee, Wisc.—Good card only.

1415. Vassili M. Dimitrion, Beni-Souef, Egypt.

1416 Mrs. Joe Haffner, Superior, Nebr.

1417. Miss Olive Clark, 115c Stoke Newington Road, London, England.

1418. N. Yard, Pontymister, Near Newport. Man., England.

1419. F. W. B Guthrie, Hawwood, Renfrewshire, N. B., England.

1420 Herman Weinrich, 179 Orchard St., Newark, N. J.

1421. O. N. Eklie, Box 1, Route 2, Walcott, N. D.

1422 H. W. Douglass, 1709 Stout St , Denver, Colo.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS 1059 Claude C. Beals, from 701 Pearl St , to 2531 10th St , Boulder, Colo.

An Interesting Napoleonic Medal

By H. Banning

This medal was struck in honor of Murat, and I believe will interest most medal collectors s it is one of the most interesting of all Napoleonic medals. Joachim Murat was the son of an innkeeper and was born near Cahors, France in 1771. His parents intended him for the priesthood but it took something more thrilling to interest Murat. He soon left college and joined the French army where he was frequently called in fun the "Reverent Murat". Murat was rapidly promoted on account of his dashing courage. He led the cavalry in most of Napoleon's battles and greatly contributed to most of his victories. At the battle of Aloukir Murat spurred his hose to the center of the Turkish army, where after a desperate struggle in which he was wounded he captured the Turkish general. The Turks, discouraged and confused by the loss of their commander, were soon defeated, although outnumbering the French three to one. "Murat" said Napoleon was superb at Aboukir." It is said that Napoleon always smiled whenever he sent Murat's cavalry against the enemy, knowing that it usually ended the battle. Napoleon raised Murat to the throne of Naples in 1808, where he reigned seven years. Murat however, deserted Napoleon in the hour of need and joined the Allies In Napoleon's return from Ebla Murat joined him again, having raised a small army he attacked the Austrians in Italy but was overwhelmed, defeated and dethroned and while attempting to regain his thone was captured, tried by court martial and sentenced to be shot. Murat had many faults, among them being excessive vanity. He always wore the most gorgeous uniforms, which made him a splendid mark for the enemies bullets but in spite of this he survived two hundred battles. Murat in his person restored the days of knighthood. After the battle of Mount Tabor where he led the cavalry in a desperate charge which ended the battle Muat said "In the hottest of this terrible fight I thought of Christ, and of his transfiguration upon this very spot, two thousand years ago, and the reflection inspired me with tenfold courage and strength." When led out to be shot, he surveyed his executioners with a smile and pressing a portrait of his wife to his lips said, "Save my face, aim at my heart" he was answered by a volley and fell dead pierced by many bullets Murat was a generous and kind hearted man and although he had led his men on two hundred fields of battle he still had respect for human life. Before his execution while conversing with a friend he said, "My sweetest consolation, when I look back on my career as a soldier, a general and a king, is that I never saw a man fall dead by my hand. It is not of course impossible that in so many charges when I dashed my horse forward at the head of the squadon I may have killed an enemy but I know nothing of the matter. If a man fell dead before me and by my hand his image would be always present to my view and would pursue me to the tomb."

Napoleon while speaking of Murat at St. Helena said "He was one of the most brilliant men I ever saw upon a field of battle, it was really a magnificent spectacle to see him heading the cavalry in a charge."

It is a poor excuse of a town in this day and age that hasn't some feature that can be photographed and turned into a picture post card to sell to resident and visitors. Look up Post Card ads in the WEST.

The Postal View Card

I prophesy, with the utmost assurance and belief in the accuracy of my forecast, that the view card will, in the future as in the past, always be at the top of the tree. It is late in the day to give my reasons for this confidence; suffice it to say, the view postcard always has been and, in my opinion, always will be, the backbone of the hobby and the trade. Pin your faith to the views and according to your faith so shall it be done unto you. Not that I would have you exercise faith without works, for one much wiser than I said, "Faith without works is dead." What I mean is this, have faith in the view card, order it largely, but order it well. If you buy ready made cards, see that they be the best of their kind on the market, let there be no old views, as for instance, views of streets taken before the R. R. lines were laid down on which trains are now running, of buildings which since the photo was taken have been pulled down or so altered as to make the view out of date. Those who buy local views generally know what they want, and if the picture be not accurate they will not buy it. If you think best to publish your own edition, go to a good printer, pay a fair price, and get a reliable article. Do not be too greedy; probably as retailer you get the full published price, and moreover, unlike most of the other articles you sell, each little picture postcard bearing your imprint is a powerful advertisement, viz an unconscious one, and like every good thing of its kind, if the public have had some, they generally want more.

One of Chicago's leading post card manufacturers began business two years ago I am told, having as his sole assets a desk and a small quantity of printed circulars. He was not able to rent an office of his own, so he took desk room with two or three other "business houses" of equal size, in a small office in an out of the way building.

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Pope Gets Only Coin Missing From Collection of Coins of All Popes

Rome, March 19.—Pope Pius is delighted with a coin given him as a jubilee gift by the diocese of Acqui. This coin was discovered in 1898 while excavations were being made for a new church in Acqui. It was found to be the only coin in existence of the period of Innocent IX., a pope who reigned for two months in 1591.

The diocese of Acqui was unable to pay the architect who had drawn the plans of their new church, so it gave him the coin with the understanding that if he sold it for over $1,200, the amount of his bill, the surplus should be returned to the diocese. The architect offered the coin to King Victor Emmanuel, but his majesty would not give more than $500. Later the clergy of the diocese collected the $1200, bought the coin from the architect and presented it to the pope.

This coin was the only one lacking to make complete the Vatican collection of coins issued under all the popes.



..Camera News..



Editor—F. J. Clute, San Francisco

Postal Photographic Clubs

HOW TO FORM ONE.

Among the various aids to photographic advancement, either in the technical or artistic portion of the work, which are so freely open to every worker in these enlightened days, not the least prominent in the help they render to the aspiring amateur are the institutions known as Postal Photographic Clubs.

Although there are many of these still in existence, there is doubtless room for more, especially those which will admit the very beginner in the art and lead him gently up its technical and early artistic stages, as some of those now in actual workng are of such approved quality that their standard is somewhat high, and the beginner joining such a club is apt to find his puny efforts very severly handled by the other advanced members.

The author of this article has been the Hon. Sec. of a Postal Photographic Club for 21 years, and is the original founder (which statement will disclose his identity to at least some readers) and during the whole of that time he has never had cause to regret the work expended, but he often thinks that, if he could afford the time, he would like to set up another one purely for the instruction of the very elementary workes, who, as they advanced, could be moved into the original Club, which contains in its membership a number of the best workers over the world. This, then, is a pleasant task which any reader of this article may take upon himself, and thereby render assistance to others, perhaps less fortunately situated than himself.

For it is precisely those who are not fortunately situated to whom the postal photographic club appeals. Those workers who are situated where they can find outlets for their improvement require no such additional aids to advancement, but those in country towns are apt to feel discomforted at the small amount of practical assistance in their reach.

(To be continued.)

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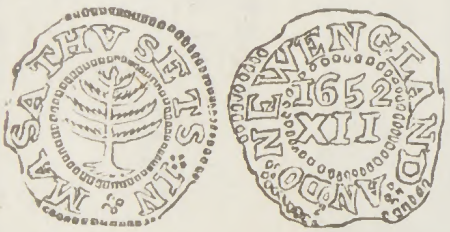
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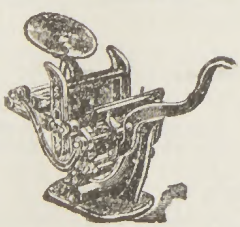
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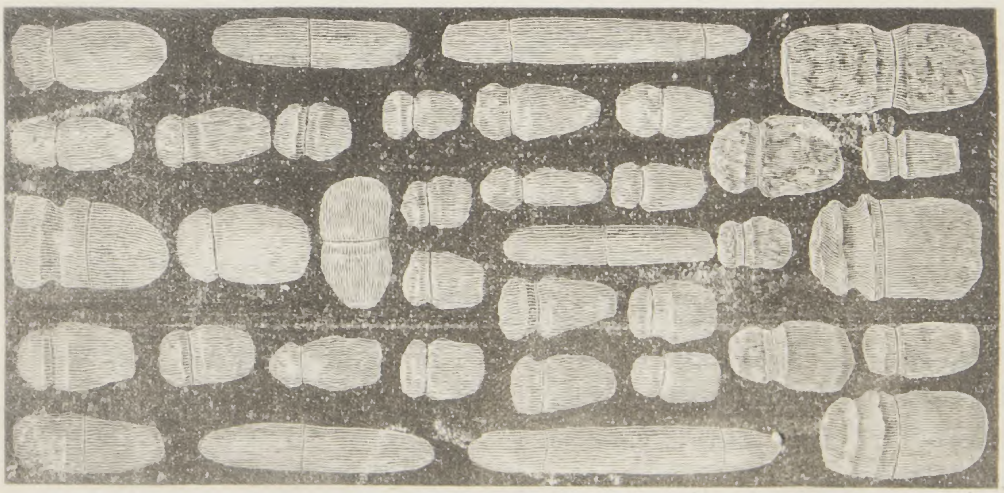
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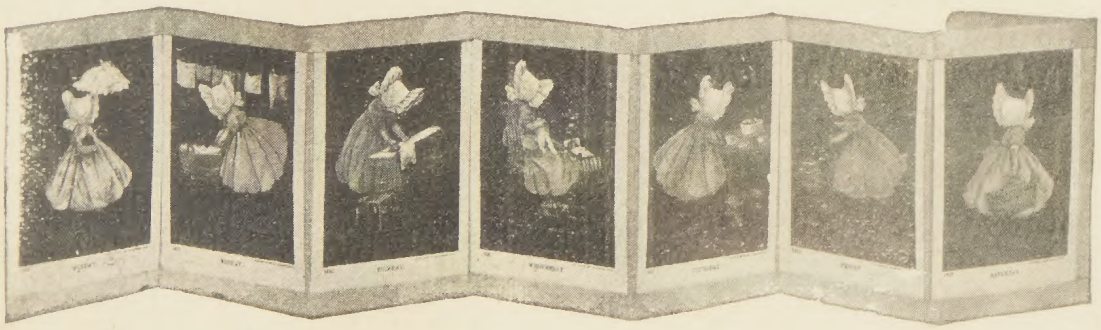
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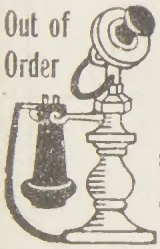
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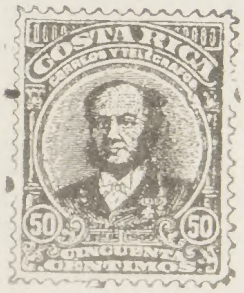
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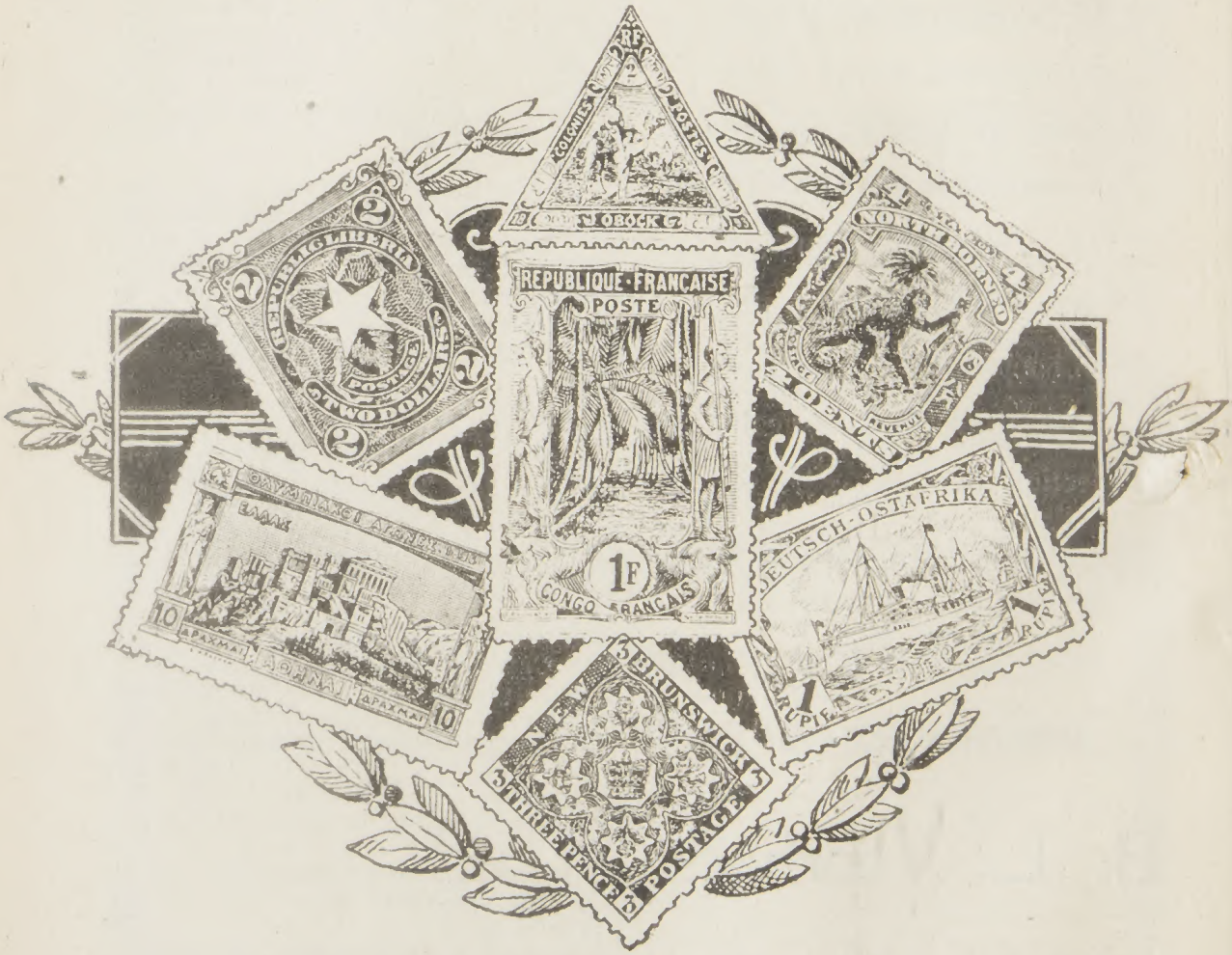
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3c green	7c	4c
4c blue	8c	5c
5c chocolate	10c	7c
6c purple	12c	10c
8c magenta	15c	13c
10c black	20c	15c
15c green	50c	22c
30c orange	55c	40c
50c slate	75c	60c
1898 Trans Miss Issue		
1c green	3c	2c
2c red	6c	4c
4c orange	12c	6c
5c bright blue	50c	10c
8c brown	30c	15c
10c gray	35c	20c
1901 Pan Am. Issue		
1c green	3c	2c
2c red	5c	4c
4c chocolate	10c	6c
5c blue	12c	8c
8c brown	18c	10c
10c yellow	25c	15c
1904 Louisiana Issue		
1c Livingston	3c	2c
2c Jefferson	5c	4c
3c Monroe	12c	10c
5c McKinley	15c	10c
10c map	20c	15c
1898 Canada map stamps		
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2c blue		3c
½c black numeral		1c
1897		
1c orange		3c
2c purple		3c
½c maple leaf		2c

		Cat Pr.	My Pr.
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	2c horseman	1 00	50
	3c Locomotive	1 00	45
	6c Washington	4 00	2 00
	10c orange	6 00	2 75
	15c Columbus	6 00	2 50
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	2c Jackson	1 50	65
	3c Washington	2 00	75
	6c Lincoln	3 50	1 95
	7c Stanton	6 00	2 75
	15c orange	5 00	1 00
	24c purple	12 50	5 00
	30c black	13 50	4 95
	90c carmine	15 00	6 50
1857	5c brown	25 00	8 00
1862	2c black	50	25
"	5c black brown	15 00	4 00
1871	3c grille	2 50	1 00
1875	2c red	1 25	50
	5c blue Taylor	2 50	75
	5c dark blue	2 50	85
1883	2c brown	10	04
1887	3c red	15	07
"	2c green	10	04
"	1c blue	10	05
"	30c orange	65	45
"	90c purple	3 00	1 50
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	Gibralter.		
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301	3pf brown 1898 unused	06	02
302	5pf green " "	08	03
	England.		
138	1sh carm & green 1901 used	05	02
139	2sh 6p violet " "	10	04
140	5sh carmine " "	15	06
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23	5c red & green 1882 unsd	05	02
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25	20c yel'w & " " "	10	04
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127	25c on 10c bistre " "	25	10
	Hayti.		
28	3c lilac 1891 used	08	03
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2c " orange	40	20
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2c " orange	8	4
2c playing card blue	25	12
2c " " orange	50	25
2c proprietary blue	10	5
2c " orange	1 25	63
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5c express	8	4
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10 Inland exchange	1	1
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15 Inland exchange	5	3
20 Foreign "	1 00	50
20 Inland "	2	1
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25 Entry of goods	12	6
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10.00 Conveyance	2.00	1.00
10.00 Mortgage	1.00	.50
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OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

HERMAN W. BOERS. Strange, yet true, it is now years past that we endeavored to have the pleasure of presentng a picture and sketch of his philatelic career, but until now we were unable to have him consent to same. Born in Detriot, in 1866 now for the last 20 years has collected stamps that has shown his love for philately is undying. Commencing like many of us, his first Ablum was that of a scrap book which was arranged by a friend of his then recently from Europe, who also had the fever, but a good knowledge of stamps. Here were pages arranged in a haphazard way, anything for a start. It was not very long until his collection outgrew this album and a new one of regular edition was procured. Here was philately for a good start, and with a growing to it possessed a collection numbering some thousands.. Then came a lull—got tired of same and sold his collection for a bicycle, to be in it with others. It was but a year or so when the Columbians came out again the stamp fever came upon him, and he again entered the field of philately during this time he accumulated a collection of over 9000, varieties consistng of three books—one U. S., a collection that's quite complete in general issue, departments and envelopes of the latter, there are about 240 cut square envelopes of all denominations. These are all in a natonal ablum together with U. S. Colonies a very good showing. Then one book for foreign which contains many countries practically complete. A recent addition, Match & Medicines containing many choice varieties which includes U. S Revenues as well as a side line which he terms his collection of "Nonsense" are tax paid stamps for which he had a special album made 10x20 arranged according to the various issues pertaining to this class of collecting.

As a philateilc scribe many articles have appeared in the WEST on special branches of collecting and Detroit correspondent to many of the stamp magazines no doubt our readers have seen for some years past. It was he who proposed a philatelic button as an emblem to be worn amongst collectors as a matter of identification. The idea was well under way in fact "The WESt was selected as offical organ, but the bigger philatelists, did not favor the idea of being placarded altogetner with badge and button so it was shelved, the idea died happy, but it is said today such a thing should be amongst collectors.

In connection with stamps he also has an elegant collection of ribbon bdges and medals dating back 25 years many scarce, and that are of historical events, interesting and instructive. His philatelic library contains many works on stamps dating back 20 years both American and foreign publication. Any reader if at any time in Detroit would call on him, he would be only too pleased to have a stamp chat with him.

RICHARD H. KING, whose likeness appears elsewhere in this issue of the WEST and who is at present a very popular special agent for Life Insurance company at Leavenworth, Kans., is a young man of considerable versatility of genius. Besides being a successful insurance agent, he has been a farmer, archaeologicl explorer and collector of Indian relics and coins, barber, member of the Kansas City, Kans., police force and can turn his hand to many other avocations and diversions with success. He is a crack rifle and pistol shot, broncho-buster, and is at present developing into a clever pencil artist.

He is a son of Mrs. Mary King, of Oak Mills, Kans , whose interesting collection of family heirlooms, was described in the WEST some time ago. "Dick" King, as the subject of this sketch is familiarly called, recently discovered a large group of ancient Indian Mounds in Cass county, Mo. mention of which was made in the WEST at the time. He is an agreeable and companionable fellow and extremely popular in Kansas City, Leavenworth and other places where he has lived.

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Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, No. 445, says that "aur." on the stamps of Iceland is an abbreviation of "aurar," the plural of "eyrir," which latter is abbreviated "eyr". Ey has the sound of the English "ey' in they, while "au" resembles the German aj.—The same paper gives a pretty long list of English railway stamps.—In its No. 442 the same paper illustrates the Antarctic Expedition or King Edward VII Land postage stamp and cancellation. The stamp is the New Zealand 1 penny surcharged in 2 lines "King Edward VII." "Land." The cancellation is a circular date stamp inscribed "Brit. Antarctic Expd." One hundred sheets aggregating 12,000 stamps were surcharged. None of them are sold except for actual use on the expedition, and as postal curiosities they may become much sought for and valuable. The Australian Philatelist denounces them as an "injustice to philately."



A Few Excerpts from My Note-book

By Verna Weston Hanway

Some time ago I noticed on a stamped two pence half penny wrapper from Great Britain, the stamped portion of a three pence brown envelope attached—what we stamp collectors term in our vernacular, a "cut square." Maybe it is because I am not very observing, but I cannot remember ever noticing the stamped portion of an envelope of the United States, attached to another in this manner. Indeed, if I have not been misinformed, the practice is not permissable here. However, I will not "stand pat" as to this, for the simple reason that I have never been interested enough in envelopes, stamped papers, or wrappers, to remember anything pertaining thereto.

But be this as it may, it is evidently permissable in England. And why not? One can fancy occasions, when, stamps not at hand, it would be a convenience. If there is a law against this here, it is merely but another of those little, inconsequential measures which those gentlemen at Washington are ever prone to inflict upon a patient people; merely another of those little pin pricks in the devising of which they fritter time away, when they should be attending to the big problems of adequate national defense, in improved waterways, and all the other really important measures of the day. But this is politics, not Philately, and no doubt a characteristic of governments the world over.

All this rumination calls into mind the fact that after all we haven't things quite so very much better than other countries. To keep along the philatelic trains of thought,—we've wanted a parcel post for years, and just now, at this late day we have a faint glimmer of hope that we'll get it—some day. Then, the government IS MEAN, all philatelists will concede that, about not allowing illustrations of our stamps, even in the catalogs. This too, when philatelists are the salt of the earth," patrons of art and science, and all that! ! This is a serious lack of consideration, and a reproach to our dignity and honor,—let's all write at once to our congressmen about it. I write in a spirit of desperate levity, but I do wish everyone reading this would take the words at a little more than their face value.

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Philatelic Flashes is the name of a new little paper coming from Geneva, Iowa. To judge from its contents, it will not be coming very long, for it says right at the start "In order to eixst we must have he support of every Philatelist in the world." Did Mr. Levert L. Dolson, who is editor and publisher, realize that that is a thing hard to get? We certainly wish him well, for there is room for another paper, and we would rather see everybody successful than otherwise, but we are afraid that the little new comer has pronounced his own doom by the words quoted above

Fiscal Department

I have attempted to fill the part of Fiscal Editor of the WEST and I will be pleased to receive notes at any time of new issues and of variaties not catalogued of old issues and all such sent me will be noted here with proper credit. F. A. Brown, East Peru, Iowa. Lock Box 7.

There have been at least three very good things come to our taple since last month. The first is ' Mendoza's'' catalogue of Mexican Fiscals--English Edition 50c. My copy was by courtesy of Mr. Heartwell of Long Beach, California. The second is ''Philatelic side lines Number Two'' from the ''Springfield (Mass.) Stamp Club, 15c. The third is ''The collectors Handbook of the Private Proprietary Stamps of the Tobacco Manfuacturers of the U.S From Mr. J. N. T. Levick of New York. I consider each indispensable in its field. The fields of the 1st and 3rd are indicated by their titles. —The 2nd lists Encased Postage stamps, Cigar Stamps, Small cigar stamps, Cigarette Stamps, and Export Cigar Stamps.

Philatelic Side Lines Number One, by the ''Springfield Stamp Club'' lists Hydrometer Lbels, Lock Seals, Beer, Small Cigarettes, Small Snuff, Small Cigar and Customs, Cigarettes, and may be had I believe at 15c. I am informed that they expect to issue other numbers as their funds permit. I am anxious to see them take up special Tax stamps.

Mr. Levicks Handbook lists over 500 varieties of Foil and paper tobacco wrappers with impressed stamp, up to 1883. He says there are now about 1000 varieties. There are over 50 distinct varieties of the stamps.

The Denver Stamp Journal chronicles 5 varieties of Florida Feed Stamps. In Mr Vanderhoof's collection.

1. 100 lbs black on white paper. 2. 100 lbs red on white paper. 3. 200 lbs black on white paper. 4. No value green, on white paper. 5. 200 lb black yellow paper. They are perforated 15. No's 1, 2, 3, 5 are signed by B. E. McLin in script. No. 4 is signed by L. B. Warnbuell.

I have recently acquired a new Tag—it is 4 5-16x2⅜ inches and the printing is a cross the narrow way at the top (string end) is—No. 1823—below this ''100 pounds'' then in twelve lines is the name and address of the address of the company and their guarantee as to contents of the feed. This is followed by ''W. J. Jones Jr. State Chemist Purdue University Agricultural Experiment Station, Lafayette, Ind.'' In four lines The name of the chemist is in script, below this in one line is ''Not good for more than 100 pounds I judge by the above that it is an Indian tag or else one printed and used by the Feed Co. by special permission of the Iowa State Food and Dairy Com.

Last month finished the Foil stamps as far as I know them. This month we list the Paper wrapper stamps. Die A. is head of Liberty—Die B is head of liperty in small circle—Die C Head of Franklin.

1. ½oz on brown paper Die—(Yvert and Tellier). 2. 2 oz on brown paper Die—(Yvert and Tellier) 3. 2 oz black on yellow paper die B (Levick). 4. 4 oz black on yellow paper die B (Levick). 5. 4 oz black on brick paper die B (Levick). 6. 8 oz. black on brick paper die paper die C C. 7 2 oz rose on white paper die A. C. 8. 4 oz rose on white paper die A. C. 9. 1 oz black on yellow paper die A. 10. 4 oz orange on white paper die B. 11. 4 oz blue on white paper die B. Y. & T. also give Nos. 3 to 11 or the 1878 issue as being Surch 1879 in red.

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SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, April 20th, 1908.

81 books in circulation as per last months report, value $1611.68
10 books received since, value 245.95
91 pooks, value $1857.63
13 books retired during the month of which the amount of $28 32 was sold, value $148.22
78 books in circulaton, value $1709.41

INSURANCE FUND.

Amount on hand as per last month's report $64.89
1 per cent from retired books 1.48
Recovered by our Trustee, loss paid out the Insurance Fund under previous Superintendent 11.04
Total $77.41

Members who have not patronized the Sales Department by receiving Circuits are earnestly requested to do so. Though the Department was opened only 13 months ago, the sales to date amount to over $500, which shows that very desirable stamps can be found in the books circulating in the S. P. A.

To those patronizing the Department in a selling way, I would say that there is a constant demand for good books of U. S. stamps, 20th Century stamps, British Colonials and moderate priced stamps. Very high priced stamp or very cheap stamps do not sell so well. Books hold 120 stamps and should be valued not less than $10. per book to make a good showing.

Respectfully submitted, Charles Roemer, Supt.

Fellow Members:—I desire to call your attention again to the Exchange Department. Not near enough of our members are taking interest in this branch. Do your realize you can exchange your stamps for others not in your collection at practically no cost? I need a few more members to send in books before I can even get things started and I trust you will see that this department becomes a "reason why" to get new members in. Its up to you—with your hearty support it will be a success and no other society has a department which compares to our Exchange Department. Let me hear from you at once. Look up February WEST for full rules and if you cannot find it I will send you a copy of the rules but I want your co operation. May I have it? Very truly, Wm. E. Ault, Ecxh. Mgr.

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2 Monroe D. Ray, Hammondsport, Box 367, N. Y. 21, accountant, Clarence Webb, M. G. Hubbs.

3. John Champion, E. Chicago St ,Coldwater, Mich ,16 student, Frank P. Breuer, J. T. Starr.

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7 Wm. S. F Pierce, 331 Benson St., Camden, N. J., 38, H. G. Aksew, H. A. Herzog.

8. Horace H. Bigelow, 11 Foster St., Worcester, Mass., stamp dealer, Clarence Webb, R. L. Doak.

9. L. J. Marlay, La Porte, Ind., 49, baggageman, L. S. & M. S. John E. Sensaw, D. C. Decker.

10. Wm. F. Hofert, Box 602, Maywood, Ill., 23, Sales Director, L. Brodstone, Edgar L. Dawson.

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12. James M. Saunders, Box 694, Fitzgerald, Ga., 18, student, W. F. Osborne, L. L. Dickerson.

13. William E. Hollenbeck, 325 Elm St., Reading, Pa., 22, Wm. E. Ault, A. P. A

REINSTATED AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

264. Arthur M. McClure, from Fairfield, Ia., to Escuela, Ariz.

300. John A. Rosen, from Jackonsville, Tex., to R. F. D. 2, Bx 154, Chillicothe, Texas.



Samoan Stamps and Robert Louis Stevenson--An Appreciation

By Verna Weston Hanway

Somehow, when one thinks of Samoa, there comes to mind the musical jingle of names, Samoa, Stephenson and the South Seas'',—even at this late day we cannot separate this latter work from his fame. In spite of all the splendid work he did before it will always be Samoa, Stephenson and the South Seas.'' We can easily fancy his good natured smile of tolerance at the subject:—Samoa, Stepehnson, and South Seas and stamps. Here is alliteration and assurance enough to please even his refined and sensitive penchant for harmony, which resulted in the most pleasing English we have yet had. Other writers have aimed at harmonious, musical prose, but it remained for Stephenson to give us this free from tedious mannerisms

I belong to that school of collectors, if school it may be termed, to whom stamps take on an added symbolism when they come from a country in which I am interested. I like United States stamps because I am an American, and the English blood in me occasions a responsive thrill to the call of ''Great Britain and Colonies.'' And, following up the same train of theories, I am writing about Samoan stamps because I have long loved the writings of Robert Louis Stephenson.

I was about ten years of age when I read my first book of his, ''Treasure Island,'' for the first time. I say ''first time'' because for years after I read it at least once a year. Since then I have read all of the regularly published books, and most of the privately printed matter, and have religiously thumbed over certain of his writings just as I thump over my Browning—just as all of us thumb over the writings of those who strike a responsive chord. I had not intended to digress in this manner, but as a faddy person writing for other faddy persons, I am sure at least of a goodnaturedly amused smile.

Stephenson had a rare appreciation of collectors. We find him telling of his eminent, engineering ancestor's fancy for prints. The sentences about the collections made by the the monks at ''Our Lady of The Snows,'' collectors can read with the knowledge—that they are reading between the lines. Collectors are usually made by those who lead in part cloistered lives, —that is, a life part of which we always keep closed, even to the nearest and dearest. His pleasantries about the collector of warming pans met in ''An Inland Voyage'' are deliciously pleasing. The scene of the powerful short story ''Markheim'' was laid in a curio dealer's shop. Then the short stories in the ''New Arabian Nights'' betray a remarkable insight into the mind of a certain type of infatuated collectors. I fancy Stephenson collected something. He had, at any rate, the true collector's nature —the nature of the collector who can be earnest, a connoisseur, and at the same time has a grain of humor sufficient to laugh at a Mr Fairlie, as in Wilkie Collin's ''Woman in White''. Because of this we will readily forgive him those remarks about stamp collecting.

At the time when he wrote that interesting series of letters concerning political conditions in Samoa, she was under the control of three consuls who represented Great Britain, Germany, and the United States, respectively, and over the results of their control it is best to draw a charitable silence.

(To be continued).

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



Questions relative to stamps will be answeres in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included beside the fee above provided for.

L. G. DORPAT, Box 37, Wayside, Wis.

(Continued from last issue).

Banking House of A. L. Kessler, New Bramfels, Texas, check 187— 1st design
Second National Bank, St. Louis " 187— 1st "

This latter stamp is inscribed on face of stamp "Good only for" (in left disk) and "Bank Check" (in right disk).

Second Nat. Bank, St. Louis, Mo., check 187— 1st design
Office of Miss. Val. Transportat'n Co, New Orleans, La. check 1871 6th "

This latter stamp has the inscription "Good only for sight draft" outside, below and to the left of the design.

The printers of these were (in the same order as above): McLaughlin Brothers, P. R. S.—R. P. Stadley & Co., St. Louis—Same—American Bank Note Co., Phila.—R. P. Stadley Co., St. Louis—St. Louis Bank Note Co.—T. Fitzwilliam & Co., Stationers, 76 Camp St., N. O.—Democrat Lith. & Printing Co.—The Major & Knapp Eng. Mfg. & Lith. Co., 56 Park Place, N. Y.—T. Fitzwillim & Co , Stationers, 76 Camp St., N. O.

Here we have, I think, the first New Orleans firm recorded as having printed such stamped checks, and the first checks used in New Orleans, La., and New Bramfels, Texas. Yet we have no new design, and it is not likely that we shall find any beyond those described and listed by Mr. Sterling.

407. Whose portrait is that on the current stamp of Germany? That is not as you suppose, the portrait of the Dutch Queen. It is an allegorical figure, Germania, representing Germany personified. The Dutch Queen, Wilhelmina of Holland, has nothing to do with Germany and German stamps, though her husband is a German prince. Germany is an empire, and Holland is a kingdom quite distinct and separate from it. To confound the Germans and the Dutch is about as bad as calling the Indians niggers or the negroes gypsies. The cause of this mistake in identity, which is so often made, is probably the similarity of the terms "Dutch" and "Deutsch" (pronounced doitch). Dutch is Hollandish, Deutsch is German. Low-dutch and Pennsylvania-dutch are misnomers sprung from gross ignorance.

408 What is the meaning of F. M. on French stamps of 1902? These letters stand for "Franchise Militaire," denoting as much as military frank or soldier's stamp, army official, etc.

409. Are common stamps worth keeping? Yes, if you have the time to put them away and the room to store them. Most of them, it is true, will never repay the handling, but if you bring together thousands of them, you may in time find some among them, shades, varieties, oddities, etc., that are well worth looking for and keeping. Take the one penny Great Britain 1885-79, for instance, which in its day was a very common stamp, and is not very rare even now. Of it, however there are certain plate-numbers, which are not easily found. While the majority can be had for 1 to 4 cents apiece, plate-numbers 108 and 222 are catalogued at 132 cents. Nos. 12 and 219 at 25

cents, No. 223 at 36 cents, 224 at 62 cents, 225 at $3.75 and 77 of which but one copy is now known (Tappling collection) is priceless.

352. Mr. Stone of Springfield, Mass., was so kind as to direct my attention to a list of U. S. stamped papers including, stamped bankchecks, by Mr. J. Delano Bartlett in Vol. 30, No. 2 and 3 of THE WEST, which I had overlooked entirely. I wish hereby to apologize to Mr. Bartlett and to direct everybody's attention to his list. It is in many points superior to my own, gives information that I could not find anywhere else and would have made much of my writing unnecessary, if only I had known that list. Still I do not regret having taken up the subject of stamped bank checks. It was a pleasure to me, and disclosed the fact that there are a good many who take interest in these stamps. Possibly some few who had not cared for them before were interested. At least, I showed my good will and was fortunate enough to experience much kindness and goodwill from the readers of The WEST.

410. Is the sale of special delivery stamps discontinued since special delivery may be prepaid by common stamps? No, they are still supplied wherever they are wanted. They are now used more than ever before.

411. Is it true that the Jamestown stamp may yet be had at any post office? Yes, at least it was so a few weeks ago, if you ordered them in full sheets of 100 and your post master would be kind enough to write out and send the necessary special request for you. My experience is that few postmasters like to do that, and it seems they are not obliged to do it. The Department, however, will still send these stamps by hundreds to postmasters if so requested.

$250 FOR A POSTAGE STAMP.

Top Price at Sale Realized for Porto Rican Issue of 1898.

An unusually fine collection of rare American and foreign postage stamps has just been disposed of at auction at New York. Despite the hard times, the prices realized were far above the average. Nearly every country was represented at the sale, and the total realized was $14,000.

A ½ tornese Tenacre of the Provisional Government of the two Sicilies, issue of 1860, a blue beauty, lightly canceled, with large margins and on a piece of the original cover, sold for $61.

A ten centime of Geneva, issue of 1843, yellow green, lightly canceled and on a piece of the original cover, fetched $106; a Zurich four rappen of the same year, lightly canceled, $46, and a four centime, red and black, used, Federal Administration issue of 1849, $93; these three scarce Swiss stamps went to a collector in Switzerland.

A tworeals of Spain, issue of 1852, unused, sold for $43.

Three rare St. Vincents, the one-penny on half of sixpence, red surcharge, issue of 1880, and the fourpence on one shilling vermillion, unused, same issue, paying for them respectively $68 and $67. The 27-parale and the 54-parale of Moldavia issue of 1854 used copies were also knocked down for respectively $12 and $25.

Three very rare Ponce, Porto Rico, provisional stamps sold for $250 each to a wealthy Paris, France, collector. They were the five-cent violet unused and the five-cent envelope stamps used and unused. They were the first postage stamps issued in Porto Rico under American dominion in August, 1898.

Beginners Department--Bolivia

By L. G. Dorpat

Continued from last issue.

The 10c is known only in brown, but the 50c occurs in yellow and in blue and the 100c in blue and green. Used stamps with pen stripe cancellations are considerably cheaper than those with a stamped post mark; in general the prices are higher than for stamps of Chile, Peru, Equador or Venezuela of the same period: still they may be considered cheap, if their rarity and price is compared with that of the stamps of Canada or the U. S.

It may be interesting to hear what Mr. E. C. Eberhardt of Valparaiso had to say about the reprints of the 50 and 100c stamps considered by some authorities at that time as photographic transfers. He says: The idea that the Bolivian Government itself made photographic transfers of the stamps to sell me them is entirely out of the question,as such things cannot be done in South America even now, less than 10 years back in Bolivia where even no railroads exist, and the mule is the only great manner of communications in a land,where such horrible stamp as its first issue were done, what would become of a photo?'' Characteristic! Mr. Thiele, no doubt, has given us the truth, that the reprints were made from part of the original plate. But who made them? Mr. Eberhardt claims to have bought his from the government direct?

Before the first issue in 1855 essays are said to have been prepared of 3 values, ½, 1, and 2 reals, in two types, and besides in black they were printed in several colors. They were exhibited in Paris, 1892 as ''stamps which are prepared for use, but not issued to the public.'' There were 16 varieties in the exhibition. They may be found listed in old catalogues under the head ' Issue for the Interior.'' They are mentioned in Vol. VIII, and again in Vol. IX of the ''Philatelic Journal of America.'' In Vol. X. the same stamps, it seems, are mentioned again by J. W Bull, Lieutenant U. S. N., U. S S. Alliance'' as used in the Bolivian mails. At best they would be probably not more than locals. It is desirable though that everything concerning them should become known.

Concerning later issues Mr. Thiele has the following: The issues from 1869 to 1890 are the work of the American Bank Note Co., of New York and are all in sheets of 1100 like all this company's work. In 1893 a local issue was produced by lithography; it was made by the Lithografia Boliviana, an establishment at La Paz. If I am correctly informed, it was also on sheets of 100. As to the 1894 issue I have no information at hand. The 1897 issue was again a local production; it came from the lithographic establishment of J. M. Gamara at La Paz and was printed in sheets of 100, 10x10. In 1899 the contract went to the Compania Sud Americana de Billetes de Banco of Buenos Aires These are Scott's Nos 62—69 This issue came in sheets of 100, 10x10. This company did not retain the contract very long, for in 1901 there appeared a new issue of American Bank Note Co's workmanship: it is, of course, in their usual style of sheet ''

The issues of 1869,1871, 1877 and 1890 are very nearly alike. The differences are: 1896-69, and 1890 have 9 stars along the lower part of the circle, while 1871 and 1887 have 11 stars. The colors of 1869—1871 are different from those of 1887-1890. Between these there is the issue of 1878 of a different design. Several of these have been used cut in half. They are all rather

cheap except the 500c of 1869 and 1871. Why the change was made from 9 stars to 11 and then back to 9 I am not able to find, though I think it has something to do with the number of departments or provinces of Bolivia.

From 1870 to 1879 there was at intervals a temporary scarcity of some values, owing no doubt to the fact that the supply was not ordered in due time or at least did not arrive in due time from New York. In such emergencies revenue stamps were used in lieu of postage stamps, a practice which must have seemed quite natural, since the first issue had been made and used both for postal and fiscal purposes as the inscription "Coreas-Contratos" indicates. Some of these revenues are of exquisitely fine work, especially the 5c black of 1870. Another way of supplying the want, was to use impressions of handstamps on the letters or envelopes: such an one is reproduced on page 32 of Vol. V "Philatelic Journal of America;" the Bolivian post mark is not legible, but there is a Panama Transit postmark dated "28 M. R. 1875;" the letter is directed to the "high office of the foreign ministry of the German Empire," Berlin; it was sold in St. Louis, Mo., in 1889 for $20.00 at auction. According to a note in Senf's catalogue there must be several other such "provisionals," if that name may be given them. What they should be called depends upon their history That they were used can not be doubted. But how? Were they sold to the public or merely applied to the letters in the post office after the postage was paid in cash? These questions are not clearly answered. and as long as they are not, it is hard to say what these postmarks are to be called.

The lithographed issue of 1893 is evidently a copy of the previous engraved one. and it is very likely that the transfers for it were obtained from the plates (or dies) made by the American Bank Note Co. for the previous issue. I should like to know whether this company delivered plates and dies to the Bolivian government when the contract expired or not.

The issue of 1894 was engraved on steel by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. There are two distinct sets: the first is a clear print in clear colors on a thin snappy paper showing in parts the factory watermark 10 or 11, perf. 14-14½: the second (called by Kohl "Paris Print") is a poorer print in dull colors on a thicker and softer paper without watermark and perforated 13-13½ The latter was, when it first appeared, considered as a forgery, but upon acknowledgment by Bolivia it was accepted by stamp collectors: yet there is some mystery about it. and some collectors think it was not made for postal use, but merely for sale to collectors. There was a time too, when some collectors held that it was lithographed.

On the issue of 1897 the Bolivians certainly exerted themselves, trying to produce something fine. It contains 7 portraits of celebrated Bolivians, their names appearing under the portraits: the 20c is printed in two colors, the border rose and the center black and the bolivianos in grey black on a red, yellow and green background, these being the national colors. This issue as well as that of 1893 occurs besides with the regular perforations (11 and 12) partly perforated and imperforate, at least some of the values.

(To be continued.)

DeKay's Stamp Circular No. 2, has just made its appearance, and it appears healthy. The many little items it contains are well selected, the editor seems full of confidence, and the National Philatelic Association forms a good backing. All this promises stability.

The Junior Stamp Club of Denver, Colorado

Organized Oct. 19, 1906.

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MINUTES.

The 32nd regular meeting of the J. S. C. of Denver, was held March 20th at 8:15 at 602 Nassau Bldg. With eleven members and one visitor present the meeting was called to order with James Jackson presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Neil Kimball Box 'A' Golden, Colo., was elected to full membership in the J. S. C. Member No. 17 was dropped from membership by the board of directors for non payment of dues.

The old matter concerning the circuit lost and found by Maderis was again brought up and owing to Mr. Maderis not answering several letters written him by the secretary to place this matter in the hands of a collector and see that the stamps missing were paid for, as well as the fines on same.

The election which was held at this meeting resulted in the same members being elected as are now in office with the exception of the trustees and they were elected as follows: Robt. Jackson, chairman, C. M. Snyder and H. N. Starret.

The entertainment for the evening, furnished by V. N. Garretson resulted in O. T. Hartman getting first place and H. N. Starret second.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p. m. to meet again Apr. 3rd.

Yours fraternally, V. N. Garretson, Secy.

MINUTES.

The 33rd regular meeting of the J.S.C. of Denver was held Apr. 3rd at 1033 17th St with 11 members and one visitor present the meeting was called to order with President Nell Presiding.

Bill received from L. C. Nelson, former Exch. Ngr. for $43. to come from insurance fund account of stamps taken from circuit lost by Maderis and later found which he refuses to pay for now, was laid on the table until this matter is settled up with him. To this effect the following committee was selected by the President to present him a bill for the above amount plus the fines on circuit and if same is not honored within 24 hours to place same in the hands of a collector: C. M. Snyder, chairman, A. L. Nell, J. C. Skinner

The entertainment which was furnished by V. N. Garretson resulted in R. Jackson getting first place and J. Jackson second

Meeting adjourned to meet again on the 17th of this month.

Yours fraternally, V. N. Garretson, Sec'y.

MINUTES.

The 34th regular meeting of the J. S. C. of Denver was held April 17,

1908 at 602 Nassau Bldg. With 10 members and two visitors present the meeting was called to order with Vice President Skinner, presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with one correction, namely that instead of reading 'Bill received from J.C. Skinner' should read 'Bill received from L. C. Nelson former exchange manager.'

There being no new or old business to come before the club, the meeting adjourned to entertainment. Mr. Vanderhoof displayed his wonderful collection of U. S. revenues and match and medicine stamps which was greatly appreciated by the memers. He also offered a rare U. S. stamp for the first member who would discover a stamp cataloguing $30.00 which was in his wife's collection. Same was first seen by V. N. Garretson and was a stamp of the first issue of Switzerland. a beauty, nicely canceled and nice margins.

Mrs. Vanderhoof honored the club by her presence which is the first time htat a lady has been present at a J. S. C. meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p. m. to meet again on the 1st of May.

Yours fraternally, V. N. Garretson.

Duplicates--by Rev. J. W. H. Heslop

A great many stamp collectors have a deal of trouble in arranging their duplicates in a really satisfactory way., For some years I kept them in envelopes, one or more for each country; but, as time went on, and the envelopes became larger and more numerous, I found the time taken in hunting through hundreds of common varieties was practically wasted. So I came to the conclusion that very common stamps are not worth keeping, at any rate not more than three or four of any one variety.

Then for some months I tried mounting my duplicates in exercise books and blank albums. This plan enabled me to refer to any issue of any country at a glance, but after a few months, as I am constantly exchanging or otherwise disposing of my duplicates, the books got very soiled. Besides, the time taken in mounting and remounting was altogether out of proportion to their value, either from a philatelic or monetary point of view.

My present plan, and the one I now follow, consists of having all my duplicates alphabetically and chronologically arranged in some half a dozen dealer's stock books. These books cost from half a guinea upwards, but probably a small advertisement in this paper would bring forward an offer of one or more second hand, at about half usual prices. Personally, these books are so satisfactory in every way that the outlay is practically refunded, in time and trouble saved, in less than a year.

These stock books are too well known to need describing—most dealers use them. I find the ones containing about fifty leaves, and holding about 15,000 stamps, the most handy for use. My desk and "den" shelves, once the home for nearly two dozen cigar boxes, all containing elusive envelopes of still more elusive duplicates, is now adorned with a neat little row of well bound stock books, an innovation I can confidently recommend to every troubled collector whose trouble is DUBLICATES.—Eng Collectors Journal.

Fuller's 20th Century Philatelic Directory is to appear shortly. It was to go to press on the 31st of March.

United States Provisionals and Locals

There were postoffices in this country over 200 years ago, but in the early days there was no regular mail service. The postoffices at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and other seaports, (no inland offices existed) dealt in ship letters and operated under municipal authority, the customary fee for a letter delivered or sent out of the country being one penny. In New York the fee was three stivers. Every vessel had a bag for carrying letters, but there is no record that any ship master ever received more than the deilvery fee before mentioned. Correspondence between the American colonies previous to 1693 was so slight as not to call for special facilities or regular lines, in urgent cases special messengers were sent, but the bulk of the correspondence, such as it was, went by friends, especially in coastwise vessels.

The first idea for a postal route along the coast from New England to the Carolinas, originated in New York and was approved by their Lordships in London, provided that at least 10 per cent of the gross receipts be paid to the Duke of York. Naturally the plan failed. Before there could be any gross receipts somebody had to pay for post riders to travel the long roads from Nova Scotia to Carolina, of which the great men of London expected large profits for the Duke. In 1693 Andrew Hamilton got a patent in London for an American postoffice and was appointed the first American Postmaster General. Hamilton had nothing to start with other than the patent, which gave him a monoply, but might arouse the opposition of the Colonies and the local post masters. He had to map out routes through a little traveled country. He had to engage trusty mail carriers he had to buy horses and the regulation horns for post riders, he had to replace the local postoffices and get the consent of each colony for his postage rates. Late in 1692 he returned from London to America, where he traveled from colony to colony, getting from each what he could in the way of subsidies and law, and then starting his mail service. He overcame all obstacles; actually induced all colonies to pass substantially the same postal laws prescribing the same postage rates, and in 1693 the mail was carried from Portsmouth, N. H., then known as Piscataqua, to Philadelphia and beyond. The route was as follows: Portsmouth to Boston, Saybrook, New Haven, New York, Perth Amboy, Burlington and Philadelphia, the chief point beyond Philadelphia being Newcastle

It was not until 1847, that the U. S. postoffice department brought out its first regular issue of postage stamps. Previus to this time, postmasters in the large cities, in order to simplify the prepayment of postage, received permission from the Government to issue stamps. These stamps were called provisional issues, and at the same time there were private locals used by the numerous express companies, which made a business and profit out of the carrying of letters, before the reduction of postage took place

The first provisional used was issued in 1845 by the N. Y. postoffice. The design consisted of a full face portrait of Washington on crossed lines in oval, lettered "postoffice" and "five cents" in curved labels, and "New York" in upper corners; color, bluish on white or bluish paper The Brattleboro stamp, one of the scarcest and most famous in its class, was issued by Dr. Frederick N. Palmer, P. M , and continued in use until the appearance of the regular issue in 1847. when the "remainder" were detroyed. The plate was engraved on copper by Thomas Chubburk of Brattleboro, the

stamp being repeated ten times, making that number of varieties. There were 500 impression taken from each plate, making the total issue 5,000. The stamp was a small lengthwise rectangle, bearing the words "Brattleboro, Vt." across the top, under the letters "R. P. O." on each side, in the center consisting of the autographic signature "Fr. P.", denomination 5c, buff.

One of the most famous and valuable stamps in the world, is the stamp issued at Millbury, Mass., (there are but six of these known to exist and consists of a hideous representation of the head of Washington in a circle, with the words; "Postoffice, paid 5 cents," in the border, color bluish. The St. Louis stamp consisted of the state seal in center, 'Saint Louis' and figures of value above, and "Postoffice" below, they were: 5c, 10c, and 20c, greenish, there being also a number of minor varieties of these values. An ordinary wood cut was used for the New Haven stamps, the design being a simple rectangle with large figure 5 and "Paid" in center, "Postoffice" and "New Haven," Ct." in two lines above, "E. A Mitchell, P. M.," in line below in writing. The design was printed directly on the envelope, colors: 5c red; 5c blue. In 1846. Providence, R. I., used two stamps, of "Postoffice" "Providence R. I.", with letters of value, in oval, color black: there are many minor varieties of these and they have also been reprinted in 19. In 1845 Alexandria, Va , issued a stamp of very simple design, namely: "Paid 5" in center, encircled by "Alexandria Postoffice" with circle of stars, color 5c, buff. All these stamps are extremely rare and have been much counterfeited.

The introduction of the adhesive stamp did away in in a great measure with these provisionals, and nine years later, when a law was passed making the prepayment of postage compulsory, they were entirely abandoned. The first adhesives (regular issue) were 5c and 10c values; 5c, ¾ face to left of Franklin red brown and 10c ¾ face of Washington to right bluish color.

The first form adopted for the prepayment of postage was by envelopes with engraving covering the face. This was in Great Britain in 1840. Prepaid envelopes became very popular and were extensively used but not in the form first introduced. This was changed a short time afterward and a stamp was impressed in one of the corners. It was not until 1853 that stamped envelopes were put in use in United States. Two values were at first issued: 3c and 6c red head of Washington in oval value above "cents" below; in October following a large "Official envelope was issued of six cent value same as regular value but printed in red, and in April 1865 an additional value of 10c was issued same size a "regulars" color green. These different envelopes remained in use until 1860 and during that time were subject to many changes both of the stamp and the sizes and shapes of the envelopes. There were supposed to be two dies of the 3c prepaid; in consequence of the immense amount of work it had to perform the second becme badly worn and at intervals the ends of the labels were trimmed, this is the official reason, and most likely the correct one. These slight alterations have produced five distinct varieties of the dies.

The first issues of U. S. envelopes are not as plentiful as might be expected, owing to the fact that at the outbreak of the Rebellion in 1861, the P O. department suppressed all its stamps and envelopes up to that time and rendered them worthless for postal use. A great many of them must

have been destroyed but a diligent search among old papers and in dark corners or deep pigeonholes may unearth many of them.

About 1890 there was a sensation among philatelists when Mr. Henry Collin discovered a used specimen of the famous Brattleboro stamp. A foreign collector at once bought it for $475.00 and today it is worth probably $1,500.00. About the same time there were discovered in Virginia, several Buchanan "locals." This stamp is a slip of paper 2 inches long by ¼ in broad inscribed "James M. Buchanan, 5 cents." It is one of the earliest "American locals." Up to that ime only one specimen had been known and that was separated from the letter. One of these stamps was dated "Jan. 31,1847", and another "Jan 15,1847," with postmark and date clear in both cases. There are no U. S. stamps of more interest to philatelists than the "locals" that were used by local express and message companies before the government restricted the issuance of stamps exclusively to itself.

The first company of this kind was that of Hale, who carried mail between Boston and New York, but who soon failed. John T. Boyd of New York was the next in importance. He secured a license from the city in 1844, and in 1851 declared that no stamps should be issued but Boyd's. The government took the case before the courts and it was decided that Boyd could not be stopped till his license had been annuled by the City of New York. He resisted all attempts to stop him in his profitable business, until 1885, when the government finally deprived him of the right to issue stamps.

Hussey's Special Company was established in New York in 1854. All mail matter was promptly dispatched over the various routes at 11:00 a. m. and a special messenger took mail that was too late for the general delivery for a small additional charge. Hussey at one time, employed 39 carriers, but in 1885 he was compelled to stop issuing stamps.

The Hussey "horse and rider" stamps are very rare, most of those usually seen being only reprints, the "post boy" stamps are more common.

Blood & Co , were the only local letter and express carriers of Philadelphia. The concern was on the same plan as the others and all their stamps are rare,as they soon quit business Prince's letter dispatch was established in 1861 and carried letters between Boston and Portland, Me. Edw. Allen had a local dispatch office in Chicago and for a short time did an enormous business, but the P.O. Dept succeeded in closing his establishment and Mr. Allen was fined heavily and also imprisoned. The "St Louis Delivery Co." was a similar concern.

All the large cities in the country had many local concerns that did the bulk of the business in carrying mail. New York was especially prolific in enterprises of this character, a hundred or more people being engaged in the business, off and on. Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, St. Louis and other large cities follow close on New York in the extent of their business of this kind. Besides this, there were many private post routes doing a regular business between the larger cities, or between the larger cities and the small towns round about New York, Boston and Philadelphia, were thus connected,and there was a regular service from New York up the Hudson River to Albany and the interior of the state. Letters and newspapers were carried across the continent in the first place by the express companies; and Wells, Fargo & Co., and the Adams Express Co., for many years did a large

business of this kind.

All these concerns, whether engaged in the local, suburban, or transcontinental business issued stamps in many varieties of design and of many denominations, and these are now highly prized by all collectors. Some of these stamps were a simple mark bearing the name of the concern, while others were more elaborately engraved, some of them being quite as interesting as any of the government stamps have ever been. Among these might be cited the stamp of Adams & Co's. express, with a portrait of the founder of the company; Boyd's N.Y. Dispatch stamp, with a figure of a flying Mercury on its face; Hussey's N. Y. stamp, showing on a black background a white Mercury, standing upright in circus fashion on the back of a racing white horse Many of these stamps bore the picture of the American eagle, generally a very hideous appearing bird. Portraits of Washington and other public men were often used and occasionally designs of vessels, and locomotives. altogether there is great pictorial variety in these stamps.

The rates of postage prevailing in 1814 were as follows: For every single letter by land. 40 miles, 8c; 90 miles, 10c; 150 miles, 12½c; 300 miles, 17c; 500 miles, 25c; and for more than 500 miles, 25c additional; no allowance to be made for intermediate miles. Every double letter is to pay double said rates; every triple letter, triple; every packet weighing one ounce at the rate of four single letters each ounce. Every ship letter, originally received at an office for delivery. 6c Magazines and pamphlets, not over fifty miles, 1c per sheet, over fifty miles and not exceeding 100 miles, 1½c per sheet, over 100 miles, 2c per sheet.

Newspaper stamps, which run from 1c to $60.00 face, were never sold, nor permitted to go out of the Post office. They were merely fixed to the stubs of receipts for money paid by newspapers, and the books of stubs were afterwards destroyed.

TRADE NOTES by A. C. Roessler.

Seebecks as a subject for philatelic writers occupy as much space in the stamp papers of today as they did at the time of their advent, 18 years ago. The papers of Europe especially are agitating the matter. Even the sedate Scott's catalogue devotes an entire page to these badly-treated stamps. To the dealer with a large stock the exclusion of stamps from the catalogue means a serious loss Uncatalogued stamps are practically worthless Many dealers are reducing their stock of certain South and Central Americans in anticipation of their rejection from the 1909 catalogue. The numbers under the ban are: Ecuador 31-69; Honduras, 40-94, 151-172; Salvador, 38-209, 401-440, 501-679; Nicaragua, 20-120, 551-577, 601-702. For the same reason Chinese locals such as Amoy, Chefoo, Kewkiang, Wuhu, etc., are also stamps the dealer is selling out at bargain prices. It is believed they will not be included in the next edition of the catalogue.

Denver has two stamp stores and several mail order dealers in office building. All report a brisk business for the past month.

The DeRuyter set surcharged postage due affords a striking illustration of the evils of speculation. Several large European dealers cornered the market, for it must be known that dues are purchasable at the post office in Holland. American dealers paid an average of $8 per set for the stamps and sold them at from $15 to $20. That was two months ago. Now that all the dealers are stocked up (at $8 a set) the government has reprinted the stamps and they may be bought at less than a dollar.

Philatelic Terms--by L. G. Dorpat

Forty-two years ago there were no such things as philatelic terms, because the word "Philately" itself had not been coined then. Mr C H. Mekeel of St. Louis, Mo., who, upon the request of Prof. Whitney, of Yale, wrote the definitions of "philatelic," "philatelist" and philately" for the Century Dictionary, gives these definitions in Mekeel's Drummer of Dec. 5th, 1900, as follows:

PHILATELIC (fil a te-lik) a (philatel-y -ic). Of or relating to philately.

PHILATELIST (fi-lat-e-list) n. (philatel y—ist) A collector of postage stamps and revenue stamps as objects of curiosity or interest.

PHILATELY (fi-lat-e li) n. (F. philatelic) intended to mean the love of the study of all that concerns prepayment, i.e. of stamps, absurdly formed (by Mr. Herpin, a stamp collector, in "Le Collectionneur" in 1865) of Greek philos, loving (prop. philein, love), a—teles, free of tax or charge (taken in the sense of prepaid) a—priv.—telos tax, duty.

The fancy for collecting and classifying postage stamps and revenue stamps as objects of curiosity; also the occupation of making such collections.

The French use also the term Timbrophile instead of philatelist, and the Germans have two terms practically used for the same thing but slightly differing in their meaning. Briefmarken-Sammler (collector of letter stamps) and Postwertzeichen-Sammler (Postal-value mark collector). Instead of philately (though also with a slightly different meaning) they use the words Briefmarkenkunde and PostwertzeichenKunde; "Kunde" is only very nearly an equivalent to "science."

Quite a dispute arose some time ago about whether philately may properly be called a science, or not. Some would rather call it a hobby, a pastime, or even an art. It is all of that, according to the individual who pursues philately; with some it is a business, a speculation, if not a vice. It all depends on how stamp colecting is carried on for what object and with what means, and the admonition, given in Mekeel's Drummer on the page with the above definitions, is always proper: "If you cannot afford it, don't do it."

One need not, however, be wealthy to be a lover of stamps and to make a study of them. Great rarities are not a necessity, and there are as many cheap and common stamps that one may form a very nice collection without going to much expense. Intelligence of the collector will do more to his credit than large sums of money expended for rarities. Order and cleanliness are also of higher importance.

As every pursuit will in time develop its own terminology or nomenclature, so philately too has its own or technicl terms. It the fore-part of Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue there is a long list of such terms in English, French and German, arranged alphabetically. We have not the space here to reprint that whole list, and some of the terms in that list are so plain in themselves to anyone who but understands the language that it is not necessary to explain them. While recommending the study of the whole list to everybody, we may pick out a few words that are pretty nearly unintelligible to anybody but a philatelist.

Thus we say a stamp is watermarked, which means that in the paper, during the process of its manufacture, a certain figure has been formed by

making the paper, on which the stamp is subsequently printed, thinner in some parts than in others. The figure called the water "mark", consisting of the thinness of paper, is wove more translucent than the rest of the paper and consequently, as a rule, appears lighter than the rest when held against the light. Sometimes the difference in thickness is so slight that the figure of the watermark cannot be seen except by immersion of the stamp in benzine or 95 per cent alcohol. Water usually helps to make it more visible too, but some stamps are printed in fugivtive colors,or on chalked paper that can not stand the immersion in water.

We say a stamp is "perforated 10, or 12, or 12½ etc. and mean that the holes punched between the stamps to facilitate their separation are so arranged that 10, or 12, or 12½ etc will appear in the space of 2 centimeters. The "perforation gauge" is a card or other device with several series of dots or lines, corresponding with the differently arranged holes, and provided with figures that tell how many such holes, dots or lines fall within the space of 2 centimeters under that particular arrangement.

We say a stamp is rouletted when the space between the stamps is not punched by holes but merely cut by slits,like a series of short dashes or long hyphen. Whenever we find that the edge of every little slit bears some color, we speak of "colored roulette". According to the shapes the slits may have we apply different names as "saw tooth roulette, "serpentine perforation etc."

The terms "line-engraved," "steel-engraved," surface-printed," "electrotyped," lithographed" are not, strictly speaking, philatelic terms, but a philatelist must make himself acquainted with their meaning and must practice the distinction of stamps produced by these different processes of manufacture to enable him to recognize certain stamps and to distinguish them from others that are quite similar and from counterfeits.

We speak of designs, types, dies and minor varieties. The "design" is the general form or picture of a stamp. "Types" and "dies" are modifications of the same design,and "minor varieties" are minute differences of the same type or die or other minute differences caused in any way, as by shades of color, differences of paper, minute variations of perforation and the like.

The names of colors used in catalogues,albums, etc., cause a great difficulty to collectors, and in some instances it is utterly impossible to convey a correct idea of a special color by describing it in common language. For such cases special color-charts and color dictionaries have been prepared, but none of them have given full satisfaction. It requires the study of chromatics to master the color difficulties, and even then some of the terms occasionally employed will and must remain puzzling. A whole book might be written about colors and color names of stamps alone without exhausting or doing justice to this one subject.

Enough has been said to show that philately, if taken seriously means much more than the mere gathering of a few thousand stamps and pasting them into some book. The art of describing a stamp intelligently and accurately alone requires a good deal of study and practice, and like any other art, it forms an excellent exercise to the one who practices it. Thus the study and the corrrect use of philatelic terms is by no means a trifle. It is necessary to the philatelist, and it may be a pleasure to him as the acquisition of any knowledge or art may be a pleasure or at least a source of profit which creates pleasure.



St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society

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The eightieth regular meeting of this Society was held Tuesday. March 31st, at the usual place and time. The Secretary's prophesy on the announcement card of "The Biggest Yet" was fulfilled alright. The attendance was a record breaker and made a high water mark. Twenty-one were in attendance as follows: Messrs Anschuetz, Baer, Ban, Bollman, Chase, Cornwall, Delafield, Diamant, Haintz, Hubert, Humes, Low, Millhouse, Myers, Ruedi, Schellhorn, Schoeman, Slack, Strauss, Voekler, Wood.

The President, who had evidently been attending to the affairs of "France" arrived after all the available chairs had been preempted and had to preside over this very democratic Society's meeting from a standing-up Chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The application of H. Wesley Legg, Dorchester Centre, Mass., and Fred E. Voelker, 3822 Humphrey St. were brought up and duly declared elected The Chairman of the Entertainment Committee reported the following donations of stamps to the Prize Fund, Mr. Strauss $8 00, Mr. Bain $4.00.

The main feature of the meeting was the "France" contest, five collections being entered, being those of Messrs. Chase, Delafield, Low, Myers and Wood. The President appointed Messrs, Diamant, Humes and Strauss as Judges and they awarded the two prizes as follows: Chase, 1st, Delafield 2nd. The prize winners are to be congratulated upon their collections of this country. Mr. Chase is certainly one of the best we have seen at our meetings for a long time. The President sprang on us a little contest of his own. He asked the members to make a list of words which could be found in the word "Philately". After fifteen minutes of brain storms Mr. Schoeman was adjudged the winner with fiftyone words, Millhouse fifty, Chase forty-nine.

The Secretary gave a report for he first Quarter. Total attendance for seven meetings 100, average a little over 14 per meeting. Eight new members elected, one resignation, one application on hand, showing a membership of fifty-two. Five members had not missed one meeting, being Messrs. Anschuetz, Baer, Diamant, Millhouse and Myers. The Society is certainly very much alive and growing. We were glad to see our late President with us once more after such a lengthy absence, also our East St. Louis members, Hubert and Slack.

Application received, W. A. Ritchie, 7225 Pennsylvania Ave., proposed by Geo. Wood. Changes of address, Thos. Hubert, 1412 Necter Ave., East St. Louis to 1406 Necter Ave., and Fred Slack, 1144 Russel Ave., E. St. Louis, Ill., to Lock Box 81.

Next meeting will be held Tuesady, April 14th, room 803-805 Wright Building, on 8th and Pine Sts., 8 p. m. Walter Bain, a collector for forty years, will give a talk on "Old Time Collecting." Next contest will be Sweden.

The eighty first regular meetingof this Society was held Tuesday April 14th at the usual time and place with President Myers in the chair. St.

Louis certainly has a bunch of Stamp Cranks that no weather, however bad, can scare off and the crowd is growing in spite of the rain which was pouring down fourteen were in attendance, viz:—Anscheutz, Baer, Bain, Chase, Cornwall, Low, Millhouse, Myers, Ritchie, Ruedi, Schoeman, Strauss, Voelker, Wood. If the present attendance of regulars keeps up the President's proposed prize to the member attending most regularly this year will have to be split into a number of pieces for we have seven with a full record at the time of writing.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with. The Secretary read several communications. One was a very breezy letter from a former Secretary of the Society, Mr. T.C. Mann, who is still a member although living in Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

The chairman of the Entertainment committee reported three more donations of stamps to the prize fund, Dr. Paul Baer, a packet of stamps: F. Millhouse. $3.50: Wood, $1.50.

The chairman of the emblem committee reported progress.

The Secretary brought to the notice of the members present the fact that in the three contests held this year only six members had participated, three having entered at each contest and the other three twice each. The President stated that in order to give the younger and smaller collectors a chance Messrs. Chase, Delafield, Myers and Wood had decided to withdraw from competitions but might enter their collection for exhibition only. He, therefore, hoped that there might be a number of new entries in the Sweden contest at the next meeting. Mr. Cornwall said he was glad to hear that the Big Four had come to the decision as he might now be able to muster up courage enough to enter in the contests himself. Which humorous piece of sarcasm was greeted with a hearty laugh from those present.

The entertainment of the evening was furnished by Mr. Walter Bain who gave a most interesting talk on "Old Time Collectors and Collecting" taking us back to the days when perforation, watermarks and papers were unknown and stamps were stuck down tight to stay and when a person who would give $5.00 for a single stamp was considered as an eligible party for the lunatic asylum. He was listened to with rapt attention and at the close was accordeded a unanimous vote of thanks.

The evening closed with an auction sale for the benefit of the Treasury. The President sprang a new fangled style of auctioning on us which netted quite a nice little sum, and we have no doubt the Treasurer will strongly recommend that the same be repeated often.

Application received, Richard Goerke, 2112 Sidney St., St. Louis, Mo.

The following members being in arrears for dues have been dropped from the roll: No. 19 Patzschke, 27 Kunz, 49 Malin.

Change of address:—F. Millhouse, 4466 Fairfax Ave., to 1224 N. Taylor Ave.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 24th at 8 p. m. Rooms 803-805 Wright Bldg., 8th & Pine Sts. The special feature will be a contest of "Sweden" for which we hope there will be a large number of entries.

The "Weltpost"" of Fischenthal, Zurich, Switzerland is a monthly paper devoted to stamps, views, stenography and sport. In No. 2 of Feb. 1908 it has a fine view of Zweisimmed, the Ski-center of Switzerland and two equally fine views of the Ski-tournament. Zweisimmen is a summer resort and promises to become a winter resort as well on account of the Ski-sport.

"WHEN DOCTORS DISAGREE"

Another "Cousin Jack and the Child" Farce

By Verna Weston Hanway

DRAMATIS PERSONAE.

Cousin Jack. The Child. Mamma. Dr. Stampology. Dr. Stoneology. Mrs. Dowager Diamonds. Various men and women.

SCENE I.

"Cousin Jack's" study. "Cousin Jack" strolling around the room hands in pockets. Hears a step at the door and hastily seats himself at the writing table looking very grave and sedate.

"The Child" enters.

Cousin Jack: "This is an unexpected honor," he rises and bowing pulls an arm chair forward.

The Child: "Your manners have improved very much since my last call," smiles at his reddening cheeks, and continues: "Mamma is giving a dinner tonight. You'll remember, perhaps, that she mentioned it last evening, just as you were leaving for a meeting of that "Society for Psychological Research, but no doubt the trifle has escaped your memory because of more momentous matters. These psychological reseaches, I don't doubt,are most 'engaging'."

Cousin Jack: (presses his lips together, and starts to speak angrily; changes his mind and replies), "O, I remember perfectly.—well?"

The Child: "I merely thought you might have forgotten and would have on your Tuxedo. Mrs. Dowager Diamonds is coming and Dr. Stampology."

Cousin Jack: "Dr Stampology? I don't recognize the name."

The Child: "Haven't you heard of him? How surprising! He's a duck!—a very dear friend of mine. As you would say an 'eminent confrere', —you dont' object to my borrowing one of your effective phrases, I hope."

Cousin Jack: "A duck? If I tried very hard do you suppose that I might in time arise to such a dizzy eminence in your virgin favor?" smiling satirically.

The Child: "Applying the full measure of my analytical and foreseeing perception to your question,I do not,indeed. You couldn't be a duck if you tired,—you'd make a fair gander."

Cousin Jack: "By an 'eminent confrere', you mean I take it, a postage stamp collector. In other words the gentleman with whom I cannot hope to compete, collects waste basket material, and probably writes erudite treatises on printers' errors."

The Child: (with narrowed eyes) "J u-s-t so! Dr. Stoneology the archaeologist, will also be here."

Cousin Jack: "Well, that's encouraging. I'll have some one congenial to converse with."

The Child: "O you will. I told Mamma to give you Mrs. Dowager Diamonds for a neighbor"

Cousin Jack: "I say, Child, this is too bad. Don't be a cat. A woman should have a sweet, lovable temperament,—not a malicious one."

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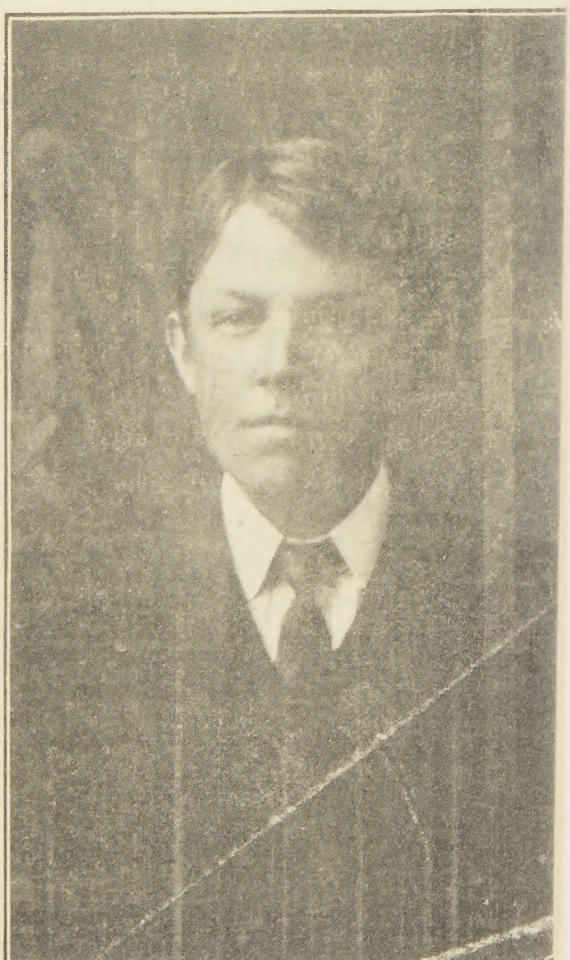
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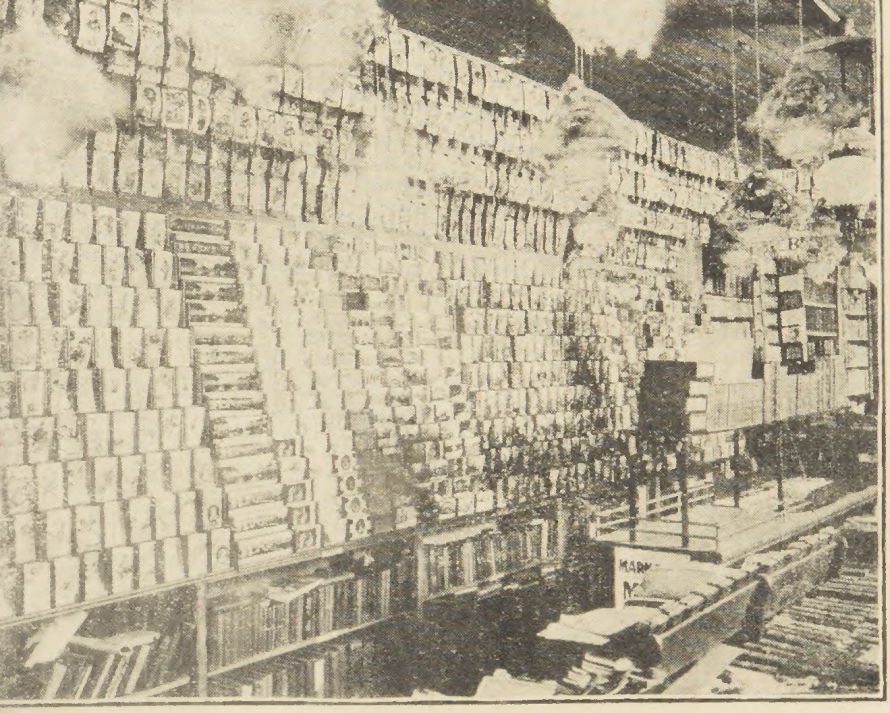


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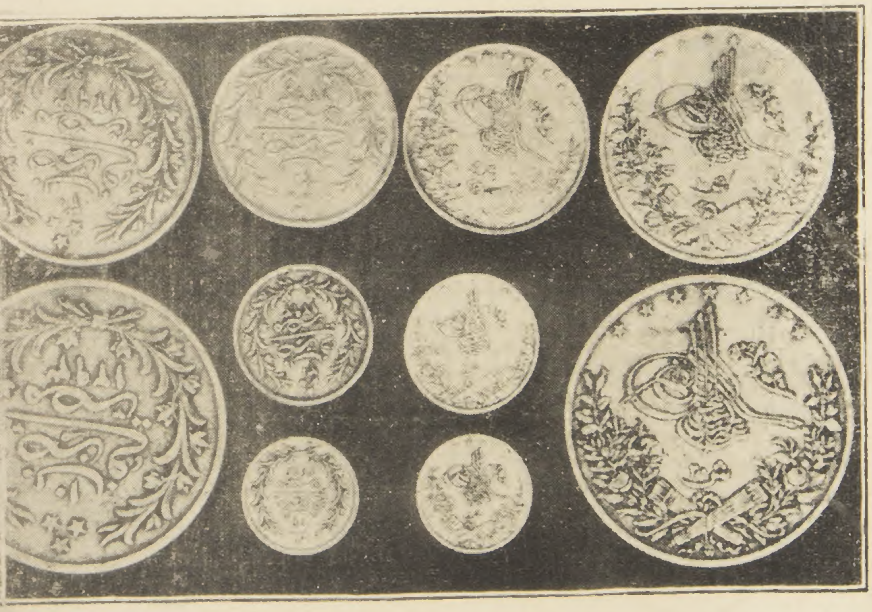
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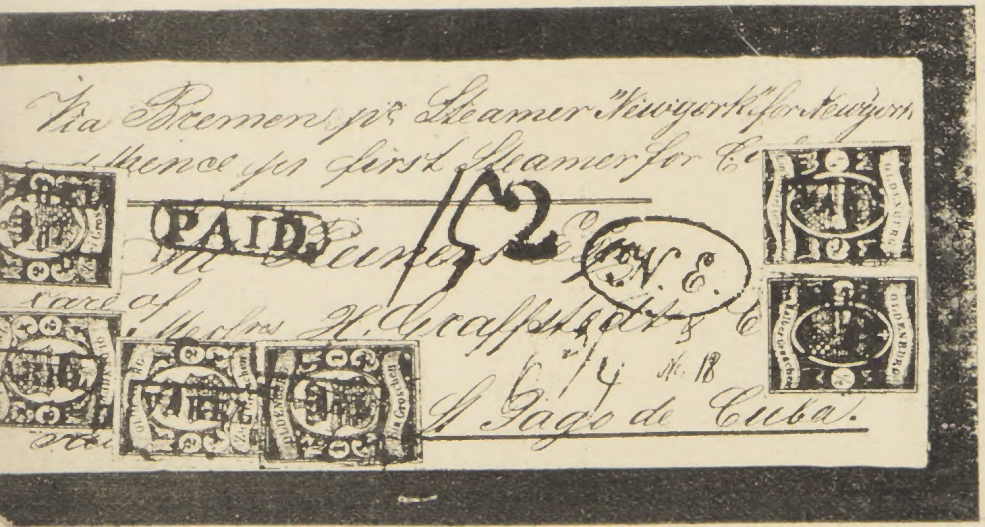
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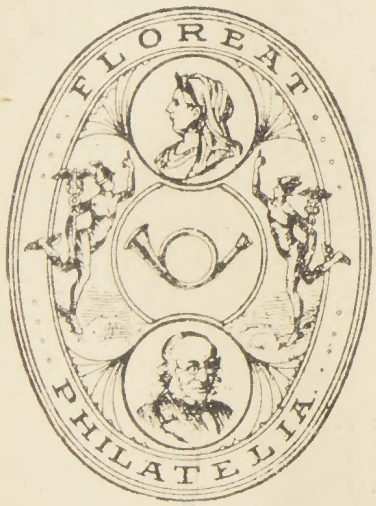




China Collection of Mrs. Geo. Baum, Patterson, New.
Pat Ryan and Susie Love Bear. Omaha, Nebr.
Pistol collection of C. Alkire, Mt. Sterling,

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English Stamp Emblem

Cermonial Objects collected by A. D. Grutzmacher, Mukwonago, Wis.

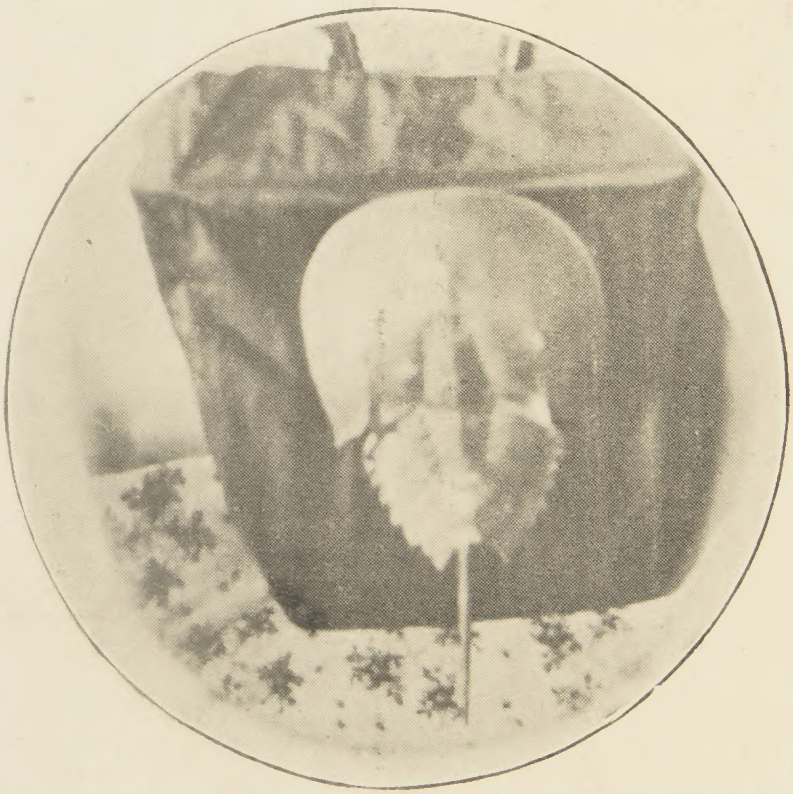


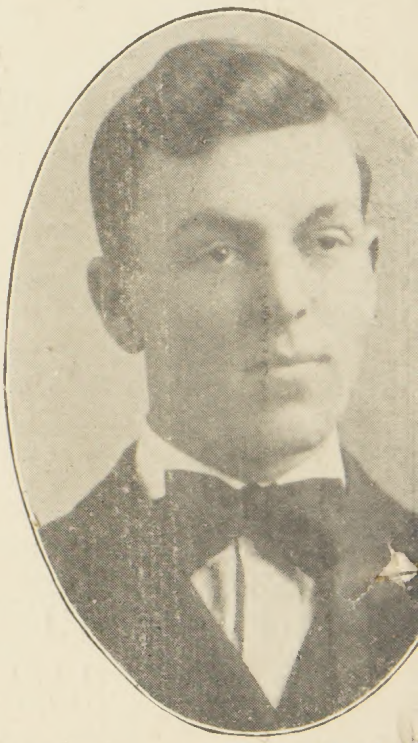


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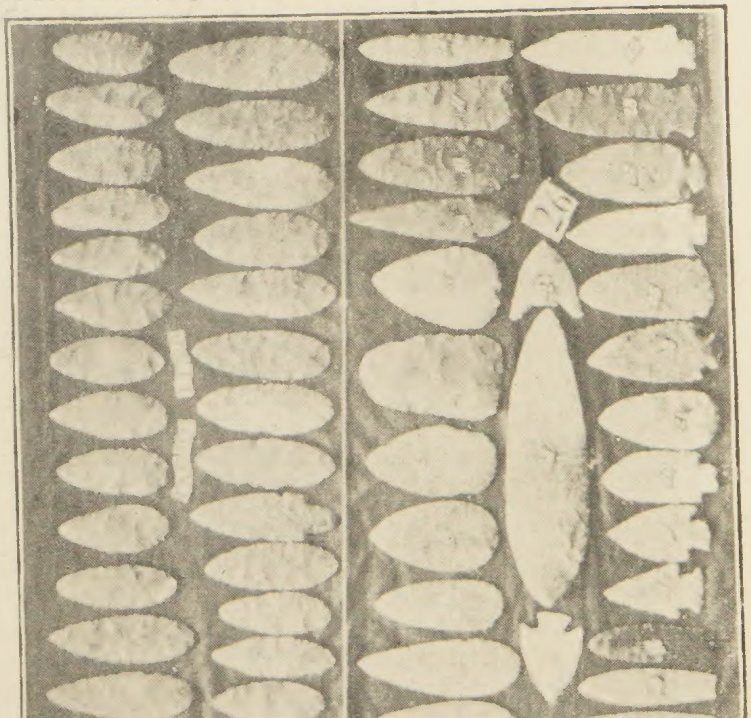
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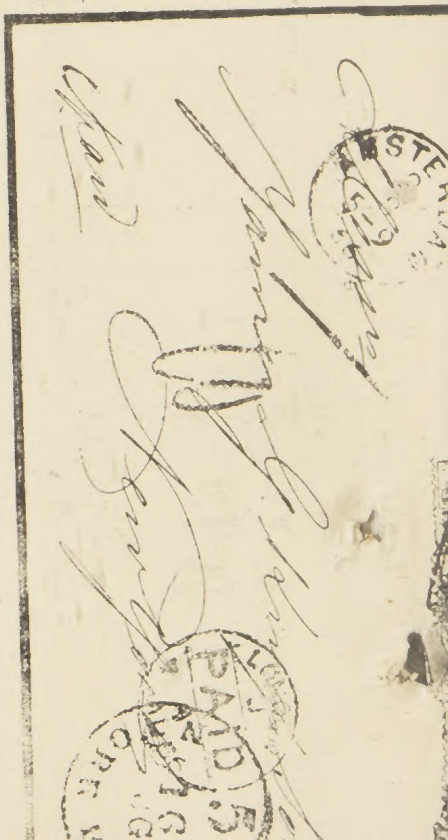


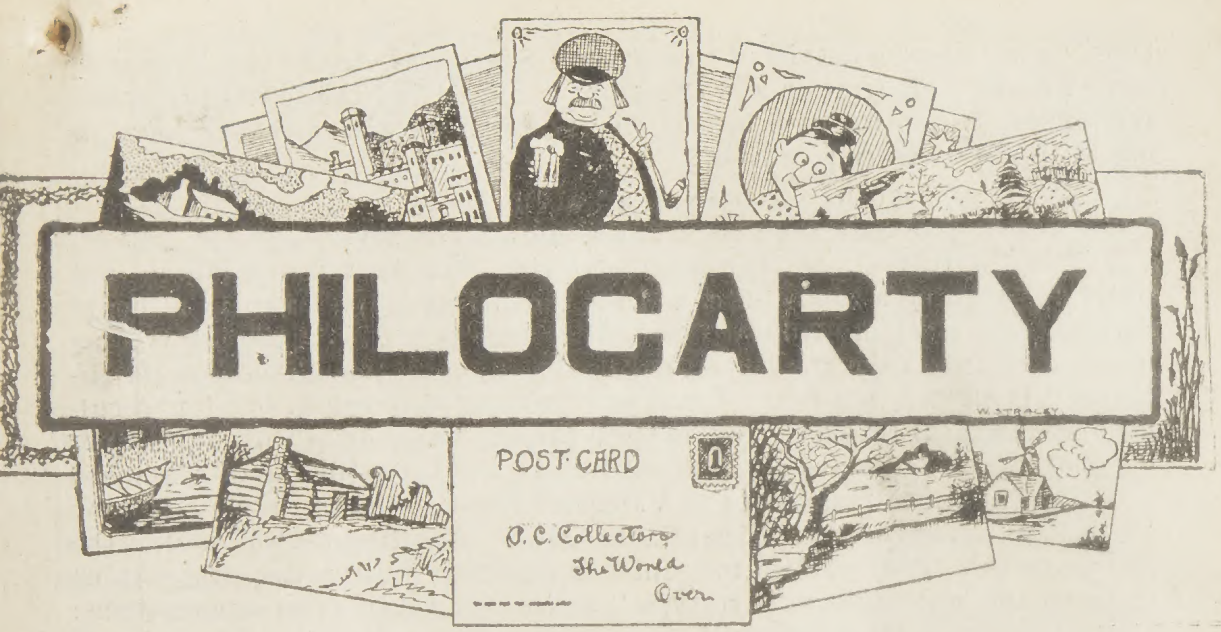


R. E. Gerspacher Stamp Dealer, Grand Is

Horse Shoe or King Crab in collection of C. J. Hanford, Jacksonville, Fla.
Cache Find and Long Spears of A. D. Grutzmacher, Mukwonago, Wis.







Half-hours with Post Cards

By Verna Weston Hanway

The cards published by a Great Britian firm have an essentially English look. One seldom finds the legend, "Printed in Germany" thereon: indeed, the "Valentine Series" have done much to make the "Printed in Great Britain" almost as familiar I have never been able to understand, or appreciate, this "Printed in Germany." That one, at any rate, of the two great English speakng countries, has a card publishing company capable of printing and coloring pretty, artistic and distinctive cards, Messrs. Valentine series attest.

The Mail Trade Co., Stanford, Conn., have imported a charming line of these cards. The "Mezzograph" and "Artotype" series, especially, are beautiful and distinctive. "Evangeline" and "The Harbor at Quebec," are two of their North Ameican cards in the former series that are most worthy. I cannot praise too much, the design and coloring of "Evangeline". Picture a curving road, beautiful bushes on one side, on the other a limpid stream, gliding placidly along underneath the bending trees At the curve of the road stands "Evangeline," a sweet and pretty maiden, quaintly dressed in the old costume of the Arcadian. Around her neck hang the beads and cross, in her hands aa prayer book,—the symbols of her faith. This figure of "Evangeline" is as plain and has all the charm of a photograph There is no attempt at startling color effects here, only deep and varying shades of green, brown, blue, in the west a crimson sunset. Over the whole broods a Sunday evening calm, and with that natural, lifelike illustration of "Evangeline" in the foreground, we find ourselves involuntarliy, and quite as a matter of course, listening for the low tones of the bell in Father Le Blanc's little mission.

All the words of praise I have written concerning "Evangeline" apply to the other cards produced by this method. The "Deserted" is an artistic creation a deserted homestead, an overgrown road, a stone fence, with rot-

ting "bars" are the details of this scene. Some wise hand has prevented any "artistic" elaboration and the gaunt simplicity of the scene carries adirect appeal. Another card in this process which we will mention here, is one with these descriptive lines:

"Nature, the peerless artist lingers by
To mark the placid water imitate the sky."

The "Artotype" series are cards of rich and brilliant coloring, but never approaching a gaudy effect Like the "Mezzograph" cards, a heavy very smooth, stock of cardboard is used. Space permits but the mentioning of one card or so from the large line this finish, and the "Cameron Highlander" is elected, not because it is more worthy than othes, but for peculiarly sentimental reasons. A large and brawny Cameron is this, fair, and. —"hoot mon!"—he's arrayed in bonnet and plaid for gathering of the clan;

The American branch of the Valentine house brings out some charming "Artotype" views of "American Camp Life," "Sporting Series" and of the Adirondacks. They publish too, another especially worthy set, resembling in finish and coloring the "Artotype" series, but taken from photographs: a set of twelve cards entitled "Life in the American Navy". These cards are copyrighted (1907) by Eurique Muller. They are the nicest cards of the kind I've seen for many a day.

Valentine's are noted for humerous cards The term humorous as understood by them means something in good taste, witty, humerous in the sense that the mellow, quiet humor, of a man or woman who has seen much of life and knows how to laugh indulgently at its twists and foibles, is humerous. Quite a different thing from the ridiculous "comic" card, masquerading as "funny".

There are three sets in particular that are quite delicious, and yet there are one or two cards that have a simple human interest among them. "The love Tale of a Marine" is the most humorous of the three sets. I don't see how anyone who likes a laugh can refrain from placing this set in his or her collection. There are six cards in each of these three sets "Tommy Atkin's Courtship", is a quaint blending of human, burlesque and pathos: No. 6. seems quite serious, with the clinging hand clasp and the "Good bye, sweetheart, good bye!" Humor and burlesque is rrepresented by the "Quiet Corner in the Park", "A Rival in the Field," "A rival 'on' the Field" and "Peace Proclaimed". The last of the three sets is "Jack's Courtship"; "Love's Young Dream,""A quiet Corner","The Lass that Loves a Sailor," and at the last the two cards "Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder," and "Good bye. little girl!"

Another humerous set has a familiar title, "The Harvest Girl." In one card entitled "A Cruel Monopoly" we find a characteristic "Johnny" "from the city," cosily ensconsed against a pile of straw, with four country girls around him. Two sturdy farmer boys have appeared on the scene, and from their expression one gathers the evident conclusion that they think the "Monopoly" a very cruel one, indeed! Another card of the same set is entitled "There's many a slip, twixt the cheek and the lip". In this "Johnny finds his osculatory advances quite suddenly interrupted by a pitch fork in the hands of one of the above mentioned brawny countrymen.

Among other humerous cards are "Cupids Sport", "The Wife and How to Train Her," "How to Spend a Happy Day," all in sets of six cards.

A Kolumn for Kansas Kollectors by G. J. Remsburg

The editor of this department visited the historic old town of Weston, Mo., recently and found much of historical and archaeological interest. Weston was settled immediately after the Platte Purchase—more than 70 years ago—and was at one time the largest and most important town in the U. S. west of St. Louis. It was the great outfitting point for overland expeditions in the early days. In the immediate vicinity of Weston, is a settlement known as Rialto which is more than 100 years old. It was settled by French and American traders before Major Long's expedition came up the Missouri river in 1819. We heard of many Indian relics having been found near Weston. Peter Suger, the sexton of the cemetery informed us that in digging a grave in the cemetery he exhumed the remains of an Indian wrapped in buckskin. Many people in Weston carried away small bits of this buckskin for mementoes. Many years ago several ancient mounds were explored on the bluffs overlooking Weston and Judge E. P. West prepared a paper on them for the Kansas Academy of Science. We have several interesting Indian relics found at Weston.

The banks of the Smoky Hill river in Western Kansas, not a great distance from the Colorado line, have yielded to the University of Chicago the most perfect specimen of the fossil remains of the platecarpus abruptus on exhibition anywhere in the world. The discoverer of the carpus was S. W. Williston, now of the University of Chicago. The fish lived and thrived about 6,000,000 years ago. This fossil, which is now on exhibition in the museum of paleontology of that institution is regarded as one of the most valuable possessions of the school. Mr. Williston, formerly a Manhattan man, found the specimen in the chalk beds of the Smoky Hill last summer and quietly communicated his find to the university and waited for a chance to dig the monster bones from their ancient grave. According to Mr. Williston, this rare animal was the terror of the great and small dwellers of the seas in the Cretaceous age. It was covered with stripes and bars of many brilliant colors.

The skeleton of a three toed horse, one of the rarest fossils known to paleontologists, is being mounted by H. T. Martin in the museum of the University of Kansas. This fossil is the connecting link in the evolution of the horse from a five toed animal to the present singletoed or single hoofed form. The skeleton is only three feet in height and has the form of a modern Shetland pony except that it has a smaller hoof on each side and a little to the rear of the large hoof and that the neck is shorter than that of the Shetland pony. The animal from which the skeleton was found in Oregon lived two million years ago.

J. P. Denton of Anthony, has a number of very interesting heirlooms. Among them are four instruments of writing executed by his grandfather, Captain James Craig, and the marriage record of his great grandfather, Robert Craig, made March 1, 1793. The latter is taken from a family Bible considerably more than 100 years old. Another document is a deed executed in 1800 wherein the great grandparents transferred a parcel of land in Washington county, Virginia, to their son. The instrument is written with a quill in a fine steel plate hand and is still in an excellent state of preservation.

The editor of this column would be pleased to have all Kansas collectors send him brief accounts of their collecting and any items that might be of interest in the collecting world.

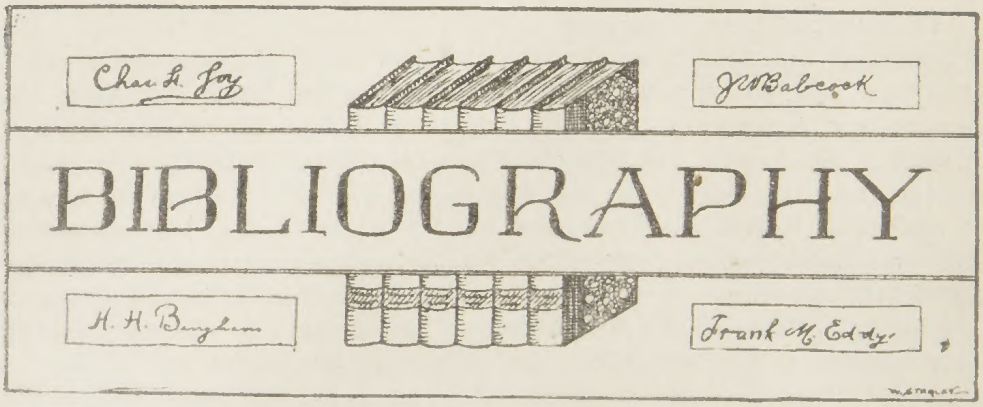


Table Talk of a Book Collector--Catalogitis

By a Biblomaniac

The above term is not the name of a new and fashionable disease like appendcitis, but a word newly coined by that prince of good fellows and bibliophill, Eugene Field to denote that pleasing pastime and diversion of conning over book dealers' lists How these do swarm in upon a collector from the ends of the earth,—Engilsh, Dutch, French, Itailan, Spanish, in their variegated color lines of green, red, pink, white, crammed full of literary dainties some of them—others barren of tempting items as the gizzard of a cipter. What oceans of valueless junk and vapid inanities many of them contains and what deserts of weary printed pages must be gone over before the eye rests on some bright little oasis of literary nugget almost hidden in this wilderness of printed page!

The attention thus arrested by some tempting item, the mental struggle and calculation then begnis Shall I order this item—is it strictly in the line of my collecting—is the price such that at any time I can realize on it, —is it likely to appreciate in value? Now this may seem a sordid and commercial way of looking at book collecting but I venture to say there are but a few collectors, no matter what their worldly means are, but do not have such thoughts in forming collections of rare books, and in some measure look at this pleasant diversion from a purely speculative standpoint. They reason thus, rare books cost a great deal of money. they represent vast sums of money of practically unproductive capital tied up unless they are sure of their appreciation in value in the meantime and as such they constitute a valuable asset which in a reversal of fortune is easily convertible into cash.

Having fully decided that the item is worth ordering, he straightway writes to the dealer for it with about one chance in ten of geting it. The item may be really sold when his order reaches the dealer or as is often the case the dealer well knowing the keenness and shrewdness of his customer that perhaps he may have put a too low price on it proceeds to look up its value or current selling price and finding he has quoted it too low politely informs the customer that "it is sold" and lists it at a higher price in it next list. Yes! They have elastic consciences, many of these book dealers and a very few are full-fledged members of the Ananias Club having taken the 33rd degree.

The other day looking over the catalogues of a number of dealers, I

picked up a London list of old Theology and turning over its pages listlessly my eye was arrested by an item so startling that I almost jumped out of my chair in amazement. "S—'s Indian Wars"—20 shillings!! "Great Caesar's Ghost" said I, "the item is worth from fifty to one hundred dollars!" Instinctively I reached for my hat and coat to make a break for the cable office and wire for it, but my agitation soon subsided when I reflected that their list reached me two weeks later than the London dealers and collectors and so said to myself "What's the use in spending three good dollars for a cablegram—undoubtedly it has long ere this been gobbled up by those keen London Americana scavengers, and so it proved. I did tho' write to the dealers immediately, offered them $25.00 for it if they could buy it back from their customer, but they advised that had been sold on the day of the issue of the list to a neighboring dealer, that they had no less than 7 orders for it and even one cablegram from America. LAUS DEI, it wasn't my money anyway.

Now its just this way in the matter of buying old books from dealer's lists. There are a lot of old fogy—back number dealers, who are too lazy to keep abreast of the times, do not study the price Current Sales Lists, are indifferent to the fluctuations and variations of book values. A book that ten yeaars ago they priced at $2.50 is again priced at $2 50 tho' in the mean time owing either to the scarcity or active demand by collectors it may have advanced to $7 50 or even $17.50. Its right here where the live uptodate book collector with his expert technical knowledge of values gets in his innings, that enables him to buy to advantage and adds a charm and exhilaration to the collection of rare books. Why, its just like picking up dollars in your pathway when you happen on a choice item in an unknowing dealers' list for a few dollars that you know positively you can sell to some collector friend for four times what you paid for it. I noted recently in a Western dealers list a certain work on travels in 3 Vol , quoted at $6 00—the price was simply absurd. The work sells anywhere from $15.00 to $25.00. Of course I wired for it but as usual my luck failed me. Some wide awake collector or dealer who received the list a mail or so sooner than I, secured it.

This is the collector's meed of reward that by patient study and research his technical knowledge in certain lines outwits ordinary professional business khowledge, and it is as it should be, for it is only by the most unremiting study of days, months, years of bibliological helps, aids and manuels and book auction values that enables him to buy to advantage, gives him that knowledge of just what kind of books are most sought for by collectors and to acquire what are likely to rise in value, and avoid those that through the vagaries and whims of collectors are manifestly declining in price and demand.

So one's hope is always buoyed up in looking over the countless items in dealers' lists, patiently wading thro' oceans of ink of the veriest rot and rubbish, if forsooth one may happen on some precious literary nugget low priced that has escaped the knowledge of the dealer. It is this hope that brightens and cheers in what often proves a thankless and profitless task for the wirter on an average receives fifty dealers' lists a week and from this number may perhaps order two or three items. After careful perusal the worthless lists are consigned to the waste basket, but those on specially interesting subjects containing a choice number of items as for instance in

Folk lore, Occult, Lincoloniana, Archaeology, and are viciously clipped to pieces and used for bibiliographical purposes in special scrap books.

Buying from Lists on the whole is a rather unsatisfactory way of acquiring rare books So many dealers do not carefully or accurately describe their books, sluring over or purposely overlooking to note defects and imperfections. In this case the buyer thinking he is getting a perfect copy at a low price finds to his chagrin that the example is but a poor, soiled or indifferent one. The Engilsh are more at fault in this respect than American dealers, very few of the former collate their books before listing to see if they perfect in text and have the full number of plates or illustrations. The last three items I purchased from England, were returned as defective and not answering catalogue description. Of course this is annoying to both buyer and seller and whenever possiple the customers should st.bulate that books be sent on approval. which gives him the option to take or refuse as he wills.

Fossils and What They Are

By L. C. Sparks

Fossilization by Cast and Impressions and by Infiltration.

The majority of fossils to be seen in geoloigcal collections are the casts or forms of some animal or vegetable organisms. As the inhabitants of the prehistoric sea were overcome by death or catastrophe they sank to the ocean floor and became covered by deposits of clay, sand etc. Such depsoits prevented the access of the oxygen of the air and hence retarded the decay of the organism.

Gradually however, the original texture and composition became destroyed, but in the meantime the deposits above became deeper and deeper and the surrounding material became dryer and harder. The process of decay was sufficiently slow that the surrounding mud had ample time to become firm and hard and to preserve the form of the organism.

After a sufficient period of time the deposits hardened into shale, sandstone, limestone or other rock formation.

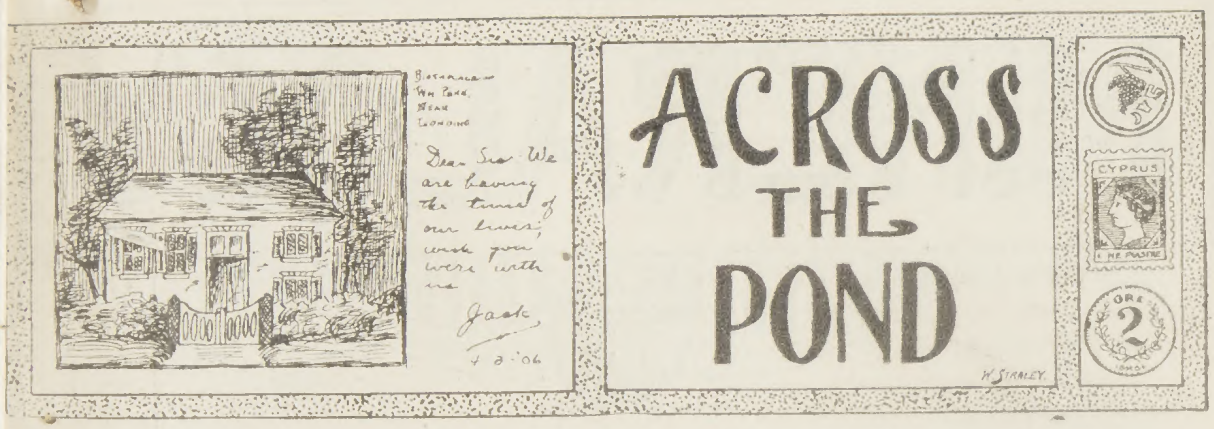
Should mineral laden water have penetrated through the mass, the silicon, iron or other mineral carried by the water would be deposited in the mould, replace the decaying organism and assume its external and oft-times its internal form.

Thus we often find silicious fossils in a limestone matrix or a fossil composed largely of iron in a sandstone matrix.

It is in this manner that the fossil corals, shells, trilobites, crinoids and most vegatable remains are preserved.

The preservation of the most microscopic and delicate forms is marvelous indeed. The leaves, the veins, the minutest teeth of the ferns and other plants are often found so perfectly preserved that they appear as though pressed and prepared for the herbarium.

Perhaps the most interesting examples of "fossilization by infiltration" are the "petrified forests" of our western states. In Colorado and Wyoming trees are found that were fossilized while still standing. The woody tissue had gradually been replaced by mineral matter, the structure remaining unimpaired. Such specimens can be polished and are a valuable addition to a geoligical collection.

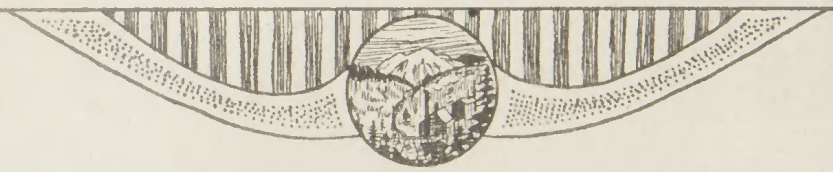


By P. Hardwick

THE JUNIOR PHILATELIC SOCIETY'S EXHIBITION at London of British Colonials was opened by Rt. Hon Sydney Buxton Postmaster General at Caxton Hall Westminster on Thursday, March 12th for three days. There was more than a quarter of a million stamps on view, valued at $350,000.00 Mr. Melville told me that the display was limited to stamps issued by British Colonies no fewer than 140 Colonies was represented. Stamps of all sorts and sizes were there. A collection from New South Wales was valued at $25,000 and includes what are known as Sidney views showing Botany Bay with the convicts a-diving. The Triangular Cape of Good Hope collection is valued at $10.000 00. One of the most interesting exhibits is the famous New Brunswick 5 cents which cost Mr. Connell the Postmaster his position and $3000 a year because he defaced the portrait of the late Queen with one of himself. Dr F. W. Abbott's almost complete collection of Straits Settlements including the 32 cents carmine rose surcharged omitted was much talked about. Mr. Lewis May was showing 48 mint copy two pence Blue plate 3 valued at $300 also sheet of small crown one penny imperforated Die 2 of Gt. Britain, H. R H. Prince of Wales had a specialized collection of Barbadoes including all the unissued stamps amongst which is the first perforated shilling printed in error in blue instead of black. Mr. L. L. R. Hansburg's magnificent collection contained mostly unused specimens of the one penny black 1854 with a block of 4, also the inverted Swan four penny blue of Western Australia valued at $2,000.00. Mr. H. H. Harland's had practically a complete collection of St Helena. Mr. B. Kirby also had a complete collection of Newfoundland. New Brunswick was shown by Mr E. Welton with some very nice copies of the first threepence and sixpence mint also the 5 cent brown(Connell). The Gold and silver medal went to Charles W Cave, London and A. R. C. Westlake London, for the best Junior collection. It is estimated that 20,000 to 30,000 visited the Exhibition in the three days.

Dr. Rommel of Leipsig Germany, issues a unique paper "Der philatelistische-Litteratur Sannuler", printed in fac simile hand writing; it contains princpaliy wants and offers of Dr. Rommel especially in philatelic literature. No. 7 contains a list of 116 philatelic papers that were being issued at the beginning of 1908. Dr. Rommel desires to hear from all new papers that may be issued.

MINERALOGY



EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles, etc to this Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive Mont., will be answered as far as possible in this dept.—Forest Gaines]

Thomas Cook and George Henry of Bartlesville I T., who recently established a pearl fishing station a few miles south of that city, have found one of the largest pearls ever discovered in this country. It is about the size of a pigeon's egg. Robt Henry, president of the Henry Oil Company, has offered $1 500 for it, but the owners have been informed by local jewelers that it is worth $3,000. Many oil drillers are leaving work to dig for mussels along Caney river.

The president of the United States lately signed a proclamation creating the Jewel Cave National Monument within the Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota. This remarkable cave, which is located 13 miles west and south of Custer, the county seat of Custer county, in a limestone formation, is believed by geologists to be an extinct geyser channel. The National monument will embrace an area of 1.280 acres.

The cave, which was explored as late as 1900, has been found to consist of series of chambers connected by narrow passages with numerous galleries, the walls of which are now encrusted with a magnificent layer of calcite crystal. The opening of the cave is situated in Hell Canyon, the walls of which are high and precipitous.

The surface of the country in which the cave is located consists of a high rolling limestone plateau about 6,000 feet above sea level. The area is almost entirely covered by a forest of bull pine a conisderable portion of which is merchantable, while the remainder consists of a vigorous young growth. The Jewell Cave National monument will now be given permanent protection by virtue of the act of June 8, 1906, which provides that objects of scientific interest may be declared national monuments if such action is deemed necessary for their preservation and protection.

Visitors to this section will miss a unique experience if they fail to see the above described cave.

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Members will please take notice that No. 24, Miss Edith E. Page, Phenix, Rhode Island, is no longer able to exchange cards, as her collection is now complete, and that she has resigned as representive for Rhode Island.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

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CORRECTION.

No. 40. Jos L. Bigger should be 2030 Miami St., instead of 23 Miami St., Omaha, Nebraska.

INFORMATION WANTED

Any information refering to the complete address of member No. 78, S. Kuzuhara, of Japan, will be thankfully received by the Secretary. This member failed to give complete address, and consequently the secretary can not send his membership outfit.

PRIZE CONTEST NO. 2.

1st Prize: Honorary Life Membership. 2nd Prize: Free paid up Membership for one year. 3rd Prize: One Dozen Colored View Cards of St. Louis, Mo. To obtain first prize get 5 new members for the Club; second get three new members; third prize, get two new members. Contest began March 1st, 1908 and ends June 15, 1908.

DEFENCE FUND

A defense fund shall be maintained by this club for protection of its members and any member sending another member a card and failing to receive reply according to the time limit allowed by our rules, can make application to the secretary of the club for reimbursement for cost of card, plus postage on same under the following conditions: No member will be reimbursed until two other members have reported as failing to receive reply

from the dishonest collector. the dishonest collector expelled. then the three reporting members will be reimbursed at the same time. No member can make claim for more than 25c during the one year of his or her membership in the club.

TO OUR MEMBERS.

We have just had a new form of application blanks printed. It is much nicer and neater than the old form, being up to date in every way. The new blank is drawn up so that it will give a clearer idea to those who are inexperienced in the collecting of post cards. We are sending these new blanks to the members as fast as possible. Those who have not received any of the new blanks should write the secretary at once. When these blanks are sent you, it is your duty to distribute them among your card collecting friends. We have one member who has obtained at the rate of one new member per month for the club. We now have 78 members, and just think how large our little club will soon be, if each one of our members will do only half this much in the next four months. We want to have a total of 1700 members by next month, and we also wish to have this number to publish in our next membership list. In the meantime, I am yours for a little more hustling.

James A. Carr. Jr., Sec'y—Treas.

Coin and Stamp Societies

The Numismtic Society, there are several in the country, but there are dozens of Philatelic Societies. And so with coin and stamp collections. There are perhaps a dozen of the former worth over twenty thousand dollars while there are at least double that number of stamp collections that are worth from fifty to one hundred thousand dollars.

The Numismatic Society is just about holding its fiftieth anniversary in a superb building costing fifty thousand dollars on a plot of ground worth as much more.

They have fifteen thousand dollars invested in good interesting securities and a small debt which will soon be paid off by the generosities of their members. Excepting the bonds which are the accumulation of Life Membership fees, this splendid showing is made up by donations in the spast few years. Of course, many of its members are rich men, but the roll of the Collectors' Club and the Philatelic Society contains the names of many millionaires. During the past ten years many efforts have been made by a few members to interest their fellows in a building enterprise but the work fell flat and the societies are no better off than when they started. It is strange that there should be such a difference in the disposition of collecting men of the same country simply because one is interested in coins and the other in stamps. Why don't the stamp men get together and do something for the of the cause and worthy of themselves? Coin men seem to work to accumulate fine collections of some particular line to present to their society. Stamp collectors will not ever busy themselves to give their counterfeits to even a reference book. During the past three months Mr. Charles Gregory has donated a two thousand dollar collection of Oriental coins and Mr. Daniel Parish, Jr., a twenty thousand dollar collection of medals. It behooves the stamp men to get together unless they are willing to let their science die outright and only be remembered with the tulip mania nd other pastimes of a day.—Metropolitan Philatelist.





ODDS AND ENDS





A curious hobby is the collection of steel cutlery. Yet there are collectors who make a study of gathering together either sets or isolated examples of the old-fashioned steel dinner knives and two or three pronged forks. A century or more ago these knives were handled extensively. Some of the old silver pistol handles are beautifully engraved.and many of the ivory handles are richly carved Mother-of pearl was freely used, and so was china. The pretty decorated handles made at Bow are now valuable and difficult to obtain.

An interesting catalogue of the collection of autograph letters and manuscripts brought together and mounted in a large album by the late Mr. Frederick Locker Lamson, of Rowfant,Sussex,has been issued in New York It will be remembered that the Rowfant Library was sold on block for several tens of thousands of dollars.some of the Shakespeare quartos and other books going to Mr Dwight Church, of Brocklyn, others to Mr Van Antwerp, whose library was dispersed in London last March. The autograph album contains in chronological order letters and documents by Rembrandt, Sir Philip Sidney, Martin Luther, Defoe, Goldsmith Scott and many other conspicuous men. One of the most valuable items is the earliest version and possibly the very first draft of Burns' "Scots wha hae wi' Wallace bled." It is written on red ruled Excise paper and differs materially from the poem as generally published. Seven or eight holograph manuscripts of this "Bannockburn" are known, one of them found in an old album belonging to the late Mr. A. Hamilton having fetched $1775 at auction last year when it was bought for the Burns Cottage Museum at Alloway.

Bells are sometimes used for other purposes than that for which they were originally designed. Little bells have frequently been made for decorative purposes as well as articles of utility. A curious ornament was sold for $4570 dollars in London the other day. It consisted of a drinking cup formed as a Dutchleather boot, mounted with silver gilt neck repousse with flowers, and a small silver bell of 17th century work attached to it.

There seems to be no end to the Roman remains buried under the London of today. Pottery, coins, leathern bottles, tile and other curious relics were found during the excavations on the sites of Old Christ's Hospital. Medieval ware, as well as Samian pottery, have just been found on Duke Street, Aldgate, and a short time ago the remains found in behind All Hal-

lcns on the Wall, where the old Roman ditch once was, were extremely numerous and interesting.

Collectors of Sheffield plate should beware of buying specimens which have an undoubted new appearance, for many Sheffield candlesticks and other objects, owing to the ignorance of their owners, have been electroplated during recent years. This, of course, can be detected by an expert, although in some instances where the modern plate had been rubbed off, the edges and the copper shows through, it is difficult to distinguish them.

Reports reach us from Brighton in reference to an interesting discovery of the remains of prehistoric man. Quite a number of flint implements together with tusks of wild boars, have been found in digging on the Brighton Downs.

Another Nelson relic has been discovered. It is a watch, which has been sent to the Royal Naval Museum at Greenwich. On the inner case is the inscription, "Admiral Nelson, Lord of the Nile, 1st August, 1797."

Those of our readers who are fond of studying art treasures and curios will be pleased to know that good progress is being made with the South Kensington Museum buildings. The new front is nearing completion and the arrangements of the interior progressing. Possibly in June or July all will be ready for the grand re opening ceremony which will be conducted by His Majesty the King. When re-opened the museum will have 250000 feet of space twelve acres of flooring and 16 miles of galleries.

At a mixed auction sale held in L o n d o n some very interesting curio changed hands at reasonable prices, three old Worchester vases fetching only 60 and a Rockingham tea service of fortyfive pieces only $45. At the same sale however a selection of old pewter fetched good prices and several old prints and engravingss created quite a surprise by the figures they realized If any of our readers have any really good old colour prints to dispose of we think we can help them, for we have had several .nquiries recently from collectors wishful to buy.

According to the Dundee Advertiser a rare old Queen Anne double handled silver cup with the London hall mark of 1708 was sold in Edinburg recently for $1375. There is a great demand just now for small double-handled porringers especially of he Queen Anne and early Georgian periods.

There is some inquiiry among collectors for old hand painted fans. If any readers of WEST have any of these old time curios stowed away, they would do well to look them up for there is money in such relics.

During the sale of the late Lord Brampton's effects a discovery was made that an odd lot catalogued a "a hot water jug. a decanter, and an ink bottle with silver mounts" contained a rare specimen of seventeenth century work, the hot water jug being considered an exceptional specimen of that period The lot, which started at $2.10 was after some keen bidding, knocked down to the buyer at $2000

Another painting of Van Dyck has been discovered near Antwerp. The picture, which was painted on a wood panel, was bought among old timber for 10c. It is probably worth thousands.

At a sale of war medals in Edinburg a Victoria Cross, formerly awarded to Private Kennedy of the Highland Light Infantry, changed hands at auction.

ON COLLECTING

Life in this world is a collecting and all the men and women merry collectors. The question is, what will you collect? Most men are intent on collecting dollars. Their waking hours are taken up with inventing plans, methods, schemes, whereby they may secure money from other men. To gather as many dollars as possible and give out as few, is the desideratum. But when you collect one thing you incidentally collect others The fisherman who casts his net for shad, usually secures a few other fish, and once in a while a turtle, which enlarges the mesh to suit and gives sweet liberty to the shad. To focus exclusively on dollars is to secure jealousy, fear, vanity, and a vaulting ambition that may claw its way through the mesh and let your dollars slip into the yeasty deep. Ragged Haggard and his colleague, Cave-of-the-Winds, collect bacteria; while the fashionable young men of the day, with a few exceptions, are collecting headaches, regrets, weak nerves, tremens, paresis—death. Of course we shall all die (I admit that), and further, we may be a long time dead (I will admit that), and moreover, we may be going through the world for the last time—as to that I do not know; but while we are here it seems the part of reason to devote our energies to collecting that which brings us as much quiet joy to ourselves and others as possible. My heart goes out to the collector—of old books, swords, stamps, coins, pistols, prints. clocks an bock plates, there is only truth. If he gives you his friendship, it is because you love the things that he loves; he has no selfish wish to use your good name to further his own petty plans—he only asks that you shall behold, and beholdng, your eye shall glow and your heart warm within you. Inasmuch as we live in an age of specialism one man often collects only books on one subject, Dante for instance, another nothing but volumes printed in Venice, another postage stamps of the British colonies or the German empire; while still another devotes his spare time to securing tobacco pipes, and I am well aware that the man who collects only Venetian books has a contempt for the man who collects stamps, books and perhaps clocks. And in this does the specialist reveal that his propensity to collect has refined itself into an abnormality and degenerated, and from an innocent desire to collect has shifted off into a selfish wish to simply outrival. The man who collcets many things, with easy, natural leanings towards, say, spoons, is pure in heart and free from guile, but when his soul centers exclusively on spoons, exclusively he has fallen from his high estate and is simply possessed of a lust for ownership—he wants to own more peculiar spoons than any man on earth. Such a one stirs up wrath and rivalry, and is the butt of all others who collect spoons, and a by word. Prosperous, practical, busy people sometimes wonder why other folks build cabinets with glass fronts and strong locks, and therein store postage stamps,autographs, and books that are very precious only when their leaves are uncut; and so I will endeavor to here explain. At the same time I despair of making my words intelligible to any but those who are collectors,or mayhap to those who are in the varioloid stage Then possibly you say I had better not waste good paper by recording the information, since collectors know already, and those who are without the pale have neither eyes to see, nor hearts to incline. Men collect things because these things stir imagination and link them with the people who once used or pos-

sessed these things. Thus, through imagination, is the dead past made to live again and throb with life. Man is not the lonely creature that those folks with bad digestion sometimes try to make us believe. We collectors are brothers not only to all who live, but to all who have ever gone before. --Elbert Hubbard. (Ex)

PRESERVING INSECTS

The care of a collection of insects is quite a responsibility, as there is constant danger of other insects getting in and devouring the specimens. When the insects are caught they are killed by being put into what is called a cyanide bottle. This bottle is prepared by covering several crystals of potassium cyanide with plaster of Paris, dampening the plaster and allowing it to harden. The fumes of the cyanide fill the bottle and are very poisonous. If the insect is too large to be placed in the cyanide bottle, place it in a vessel with a few drops of chloroform, and cover from the air. After the insects are dead they are "mounted by thrusting a slender pin through the thorax, or the division of the body to which the legs and wings are attached. With beetles, however, the pin is thrust through the hard covering of the right wing. Moths and butterflies are prepared for mounting by spreading the wings out smooth on a "stretching board." This board is made by placing two soft wood pieces on blocks, parallel with each other, leaving a space between them to receive the body of the insect. The wings are then spread out upon the two pieces, where they are held by papers or threads, and pins, while the body rests in the space between the boards. The insects after being dried, are placed in shallow boxes, such as cigar boxes, the bottoms of which have been covered with some soft substance, such as sheets of cork, or pieces of cornstalk pith, into which the pins may be easily inserted. Moth balls, or some such insect preventative, should be always present in the boxes to prevent the specimens being eaten by other insects.

In one thing we are both agreed--postcards are great money makers--probably the best moneymakers in the world at the present time.

And we have yet to become cognizant of the failure of any postcard dealer who went into the business intelligently, and stayed with it until it had the chance to grow.

We have watched many post card dealers start from almost nothing, and develop great businesses worth many thousands of dollars yearly. The same opportunity is before you, and we cannot conceive of a better method of making a start.

Uncle Sam burns quantities of silk, linen, cloth and leather cards every month because a one cent stamp is used and the sender's address is lacking.

The government is encouraging the use of the picture post card by removing all the restrictions possible. Although the postcards of private manufacture is putting the old fashioned postal card out of business. Uncle Sam gets the same revenue from the stamp and saves the cost of the card and printing, so the profits are correspondingly greater.

The 51st monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms 11622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, April 3rd, president V. M. Brand presiding. The following members were present: Messrs. Verkler, Carey, W. F. Dunham, McDonald, V. M. Brand, Brenner, Simpson, Excell, Blumenschein, Merrill, Chester Dunham, Holmes, Baker, Ripstra, Lewis and Green. The resignation of W. O. Staab was received and accepted. The following gentlemen were elected to membership: Otto Darmstaetter, Fred F. Thuemling, A. M. Tierney, Chas. A. Windau, John T. Kelly, M. J. Cooney, Wm. Poillon and E. W. Jeffrey. The President appointed Messrs Green and Williams as two of the editorial Committee.

A motion was carried to present a silver medal of the 50th meeting to Mr. J. H. Ripstr, the engraver of the dies. A donation of 59 medals, etc., was received from Messrs. F. H. Noble & Co. for the cabinet of the Society. Mr. W. F. Dunhaam exhibited a number of United States half dollars, and Mr. V. M. Brand some very fine aurei.

The following magazines were received: Philatelic West, Spink's Numismatic Circular and Numismatiche Correspondenz for March. Auction catalogues were received from Lider. Green and Adolph Hess (3).

Adjourned to meet May 1st, 1908.

Ben G. Green, Secretry.

A WAY TO COLLECT POST CARDS.

A Danish girl, livng in her father's home in Denmark, having probably heard something about Sydney, and anxious to add to her collection of post card views from this state, hit upon a plan the success of which will probably astonish her.

Having selected a card from a very pretty rural scene of the home in which she lived, the little maiden addresssed the card in English: "To the cleverest girl in the biggest school in Sydney, and would she please send a card in return"

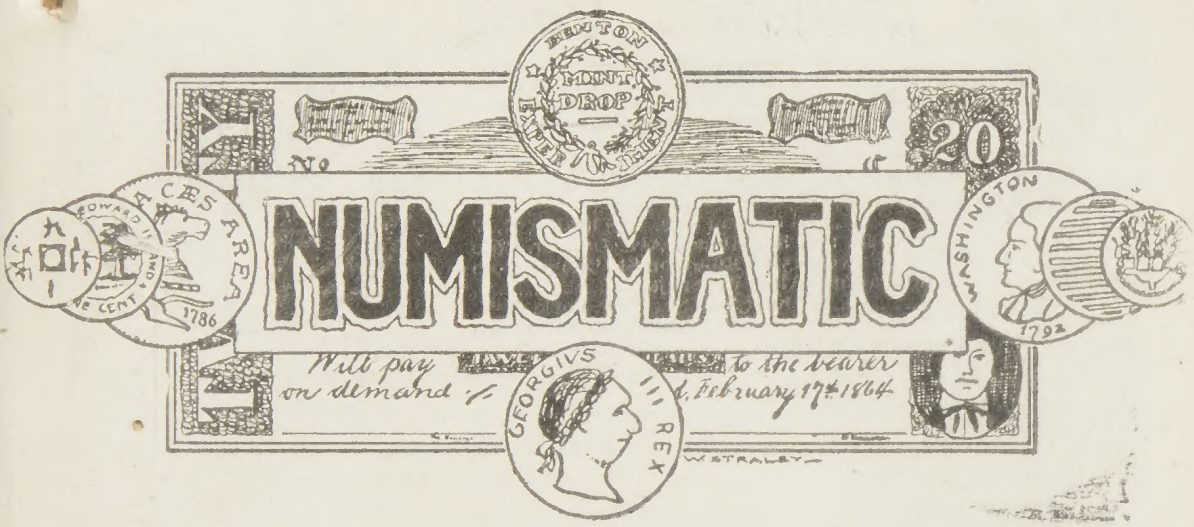
The card was delivered by the postman to the Girl's high school in Elizabeth street. The pupils, numbering some 500, are going to forward each a card to their unknown Danish friend

She will therefore receive 500 post cards.

Mr. J. Leahy of Montreal, Canada, sends one of his colored view cards of Quebec. It is a fine as any we have seen He says in his circular that he has many just so fine from all over Canada, including Esquimaux scenes, Indian Types and the like.

The better grade of view cards, such as photographs and photographic representations, are undoubtedly educative in a geographic, ethnographic or scientific sense. Some of them may be a real assistance in the study of zoology, botany, art and similar branches. Here we have indeed more than a [illegible]d.

The old headgear which Geronimo, the Indian chief, wore in his last battle with General Miles, has been bought by Robert W. Wells of Washington, and will be given to the Smithsonian Institution.



OLD COINS OF AMERICA

(Continued from March Issue).

"By permisson of Harper Bros., from Harpers Weekly"

In the meantime the colony of Maryland had taken proceedings to supply its wants, and had ordered the coinage of silver as early as 1661. Lord Baltimore issued coins bearing on the obverse the legend "Caecilis, Dns: Terrae: Marylae: & ct. around a bust of Lord Baltimore,and on the reverse his arms with the motto "Crescite: et Mutliplicamini. Copper half pennies were also issued at or about the same time but it is probable that they never went into circulation. One sold in England in the year 1860 for $362.

The French Government was the first to issue a copper c inage for its American possessions In 1721 the Mint sent over a small copper coin for use in Louisiana having for its obverse a Double "L" the initial of the Monarch's name, crowned, with the legend Sit Nomen Domini Benedictum. The same legend is found on a large portion of the coins of the monarch, Louis XV. The reverse was simply the legend Colonies Francoises, 1721. The second issue of this coin was in 1722, after which it did not appear again until 1767, when it was enlarged and the metal reduced in quality, so that we have a larger coin at that period, of nearly perfect brass, with the same legend and reverse.

At almost the same period the "Wood money", as it has been called, was introduced in the Colonies.

The English Government issued in 1722, to one William Wood, a patent for coining various copper pieces for use in Ireland The grant was made for a period of fourteen years,and the quantity limited to 360 tons of copper The money issued by Wood was certainly more beautiful than had before appeared in English dominions, but its small size attracted attention, and a storm of rage in all Ireland broke out against it. Dean Swift,then in Dublin, led in the attack with his celebrated anonymous letters known as "Drapier's Letters." The money failed in Ireland, and large quantities of it were sent on speculation to America,where it no doubt,probably failed also. Some of themw ere in circulation in the U. S. as late as 1860.

(To be Continued.)

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Wisconsin—George J. Rhein ..... Manchester

DUES: United States, 60 cents per year; Canada, 75 cents; Mexico, $1.50 (Mexican); Foreign, $1.00, 4 shillings, 5 francs, 4 marks, 5 lire, 2 yen, 3 rupees, 2 rubles, 5 pesetas, 2½ florins, 2 milreis, 20 piasters, 4 kronas. For those who are already subscribers to THE PHILATELIC WEST the dues are as follows: United States and Canada, 35 cents; Mexico, 75 centavos; Foreign, 50 cents; 2½ francs, 2 shillings, 2 marks, 2½ lire; 1 yen, 1½ rupees, 1 ruble 2½ pesetas, 1.25 florins, 1 milreis, 10 piasters, 2 kronas.

Address all communications to the Secretary. Application blanks and particulars furnished free upon request by any of the officers or representatives:

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOCIETY

1. Members are required to answer all cards promptly.
2. Members must place their full name and address and UNION number on all cards sent for or in exchange.
3. Always enclose return postage when sending cards or letters to the Translation Department.
4. Always enclose return postage when writing for information of any kind.
5. Members should promptly renew when their membership expires, or else notify the society that you wish your name withdrawn.
6. The society gives as a premium five beautiful unused cards for each new member secured, and also credits you with one point on the Roll of Honor.
7. We close our report on the 15th of each month and all notices and new membeships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.
8. Members are requested to notify the publisher if you do not receive The WEST regularly, and not the Secretary of The UNION. The publisher has been paid for your subscription and is under

obligations to send you the paper.

9. Members are forbidden (unless requested by their correspondents) to mail view cards, for or in exchange, from states other than the one in which they reside, and members receiving such cards which are mailed in violation of this rule are under no obligations to reply.

10. The Secretary should be promptly advised in writing of all members who fail to answer your cards by giving dates cards were sent as well as full names and addresses of the delinquents. Members in the United States and Canada are allowed one month in which to answer; Mexico West Indies and Europe, two months; all other places except Australia, three months;

11. We do not furnish membership lists at regular intervals, nor do we promise to furnish any one with a new list every month, but we will gladly mail lists when published to all sending postage. [The last list was published May 1st, so if you wish a copy, please send postage to the Secretary.]

12. We do not have any rules or regulations other than the foregoing, and by carefully complying therewith, we are sure you will be satisfied with your membership in The UNION.

NOTICE. April 15th, 1908.

After our report is completed each month, it is carefully gone over and all mistakes are corrected before it is transmitted to the printer for publication. We realise that owing to the diversity and oddness of the names and addresses and other items which we pubilsh, it is almost impossible to have everything set up correct to the letter. The UNION desires therefore to ask the pardon and endurance of those whose names or addresses, are, or will be, sometimes incorrectly printed It is our desire to have our report correct in every detail, but we cannot assume the responsibility for typographical errors.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Our Five Leaders.

Points to date:—916. L. W. Dison, 21. 903. Arnaldo Ghisla, 13. 868. Mrs. John Hoffman, 7. 1135. G. T. Griffin, 7. 486. Dr. W. P. Taylor, 6.

The following members have secured one or more new points during the month just ended: 546 Pierson Hardwick, new points 1, total points 4. 931. W. Kay Fetter, new points 1, total points 4. 990. H. C. Wilder, new points 1, total points 1. 1291. Walter Krueger, new points 2, total points 4. 1332. A. J. Lins, new points 1, total points 2. 1362 Charles S. Abajides, new points 4, total points 4. 1400. Mrs C. P. Saylor, new points 1, total points 1. 1462. W. L. McMillen, new points 1, total points 1.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

546 Pierson Hardwick, 34 Chesham Bldgs., Grosvenor Square, London, England, is now a representative of Koh & Company's Post Card Exchange, of Singapore, Straits Settlements, and will be pleased to send particulars of that club to those sending a 1 cent stamp for postage.

629. Miss Edena May Carroll, Box 84, San Marcos, Texas, is making a specialty of views of churches.

970. Fred Hauselt, Olaa, Hawaii, desires to limit his exchange to members outside of the United States only.

1324. Carlo Zeimet, P. O. Box 1613, New York, N. Y., calls to our attention a large number of printer's mistakes in the Foreign Code which has been published in the last two numbers of the WEST. We are certainly sorry that such an occurrence has taken place, and in order that no reflection may be cast upon Mr Zeimet's ability, we assure our members that the code was grammatically correct in every detail when it was sent to the print-shop. Mr. Zeimet is a very accurate and competent translator, and the society regrets exceedingly, the incorrect way in which the code he so kindly compiled, appeared before the eyes of our members.

1400. Mrs. C. P. Saylor, 415 Shipley Street, Wilmington, Delaware, would like to exchange with foreign members only in future.

RENEWALS.

380. Will H. Mackie, Bovey, Minn.—Collects Misc. and Comic cards.

447. J. A. Blair, Box 818, Edmonton, Alta., Canada.

733. John Hall, Rochester, Minn.

859. Mrs. G. Gearson, 60 Lincoln Ave., Chicago, Ill.—Foreign only.

933. John C. Ehrman, 205 Marine Bank Bldg., Baltimore, Md.—Exchange best colored views of Baltimore with foreign members only.

964. M. M. Graborch, Esbon, Kanass.—Christian church buildings only.

1019. Arthur W. Odell, 9 Pokiok Road, St. John, N. B. Canada.

1038. Arthur Schneider, 295 High St., Newark, N. J.—Collects only desert, wild spirit or steril post cards.

1087. Arthur Soderstrum, 217 W. 18th St., Kansas City, Mo.

NEW MEMBERS.

1423. Edward H. Banks, Philip, S. Dak.

1424. Horace E. Jones, 304 E. Arch St., Portland, Ind.—Colored cards with foreign collectors only.

1425. Ernest Hirrschoff, Jr., 556 High St., Newark, N. J.

1426. Guy Flaig, 416 Walnut St., Danville, Ky.

1427. C. Deane Eppley, La Boca, Canal Zone, Panama.—No comics.

1428. Ulmont Stewart, L. B. 118, Westport, Ind.—Scenery and monuments, colored.

1429. Miss Alice McDevitt, 18 Oakwood Ave., Orange, N. J.

1430. P. D. Pavlides, Anatolia College, Marsovan, Turkey-in-Asia.

1431. Mrs. Robert Hocket, 11 North Main St., Janesville, Wisc.

1432. Jrod. Repanides, Anatolia College, Marsovan, Turkey-in-Asia.

1433. Ashley W. Kendrick, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.—Foreign only stamped on view side; always exchange first.

1434. Miss Nell Yeager, 420 Fairmont Ave., Sunbury, Pa.

1435. S. Waltersdorph Jacobsen, Marstrandsgade 21-I, Aarhus, Denmark.—Will always send first.

1436. W. Chester Jeffries, 715 Kossuth St., Bridgeport, Conn.—Foreign only.

1437. Penaj Sermayioylous, Samsoun, Turkey-in-Asia.

1438. Chr. S. Josephides, Kerassunde, Black Sea, Turkey-in-Asia.

1439. C. H. M. Partridge, Millers Falls, Mass.

1440. John H. Allen, Redland, La.—Upright colored views preferred.

1441. L. C. Menendez, 1413 15th Ave, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla.

1442. G. C. Menendez, 1413 15th Ave, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla.

1443. Mrs. L. Caine, Victoria St., Bunbury, West Australia.

1444. John O. Hagen, Hendrum, Minn.

1445. Geo. Falk, 1616 Humboldt St., Bellingham, Wash.

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TO HIDE RELICS OF VANISHED GREATNESS.

The Pantheon of the Spanish colonies, a pavilion in the Retiro of Madrid, which holds the memories of Spain's vanished greatness, is to be dismantled and the collection books and paintings and vast archaelogical, geological, anthropological and botanical treasures it contains are to be scattered and buried among the libraries and museums of the capital.

This action is taken upon the ground that the building is needed for other purposes, and besides, the collections are no longer visited.

But it is in reality a decision to disperse from the sight of the people the ocular evidence of the empire dissipated by Spanish misrule. The most interesting part of the exhibit related to the Phillipines.

It is said that the Sevres vases with applegreen grounds fetch the highest prices. We wonder whether any of our readers have any of these choice specimens stowed away anywhere?



..Camera News..



Editor—F. J. Clute, San Francisco

Postal Photographic Clubs

HOW TO FORM ONE—Taken from an English paper.
(Continued from last issue)

To such people the Postal Photographic Club is a veritable boon, placing as it does, the assistance of other workers and the sight of various processes and method of treatment right in their homes, since there is no part of the British Isles, at any rate, so desolate that the Parcel Post will not convey the portfolio and all that it brings with it to their very doors

And the help rendered by a really good Club to the members is very considerable indeed if anyone doubts it he has only to make a list of the workers whose names are prominent on the walls of our leading exhibitions and then find out how many of them have sprung into prominence from the ranks of some such Club. One Club of the kind at least, is said to be nearly entirely composed of leading exhibitors at the "Royal" the "Salon," and oher leading shows.

So much then for the principle of the Postal Club, let us now proceed to consider the details of the scheme required for the establishment of such a Club.

In the first place the general plan may be outlined. A Postal Photographic Club consists of a certain number of members who pay a small subscription, in return for which they are banded together for mutual interest and aid. This mutual help is carried out by means of a circulating portfolio, which goes the rounds of all the members, being forwarded from one to another by Parcel Post. It should not, it may be parenthetically observed, be permitted to be sent by any other means than the Parcel Post, as, if sent by rail, difficulties are certain to occur with regard to the carriage, one member perhaps sending it on carriage free, while another leaves the cost to be defrayed by the recipient. If all are compelled to use the Parcel Post no difficulties as to cost of carriage can occur.

The subscription is a matter of personal opinion on the part of the Secretary, the author has found 50c entrance fee, and 75c annual sufficient to cover all expenses. There are Clubs which only levy a subscription of 60c on their members, but it is far better, if any doubt exists as to the expense to charge enough to cover all requirements. Of course, a great deal depends upon the method of working the club, some methods being more expensive than others.

The portfolio can consist of a simple back and front, with flaps round the back to keep the photos in their places, even these are dispensed with in some of the best Clubs, but they save the edges of the mounts in their journey through the post.

(To be continued).

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Stripping Films--by E. F. Lange

The controversy regarding the relative merits of plates and films has frequently waxes warm. but is a question which perhaps will always be settled according to individual needs, as has been done in the past.

The serious difficulty with plates is their weight and liability to breakage. Amateur photographers who follow a vocation like teaching. which keeps them on the move, soon discover this difficulty. Negatives accumulate, which are too good to throw away, and too troublesome to move Many use films, but some prefer the plates despite this disadvantage. The difficulty may be remedied Prepare two per cent solutions each of formaldehyde, sodium fluoride, and sulphuric acid. Soak the negative, dry or wet, in the formaldehyde solution to toughen the gelatine film. The negative should remain in the solution about ten minutes and then dipped into water to rinse the formaldehyde from it. Then soak about ten minutes in the sodium fluoride solution and place it directly, without rinsing, into the sulphuric acid. The film almost immediately leaves the glass. After five minutes rinsing in fresh water the film may be squeezed on to a clean ferrotype plate When it is dry, it readily peels off and you have a perfect negative in a very thin film of gelatine, which is almost weightless, very tough, and which can be filed away between the leaves of a book. It also posseesses advantages in single transfer carbon printing and in double printing. It is not best however, to use the process on negatives larger than 4x5, as the gelatine of the larger sizes buckles slightly and becomes troublesome on the ferrotype plate.

An Index of Magazine Articles. Another good friend writes to say that he has a plan which he considers better than the one uually recommended by which to note such articles in the magazines as one may desire to refer to later. He secures an index book or card system from the stationer, and when reading a magazine, the titles of such articles are marked into the index, together with the name of the publication, date and page. Such a plan makes the articles more accessible than does reference to magazine indexes, and makes it easy for one to go to the closet and pick out the required number.

Making faces is the photographer's occupation, some pleasant, some wry, some grouts. some idiotic.—A. Bozardus.

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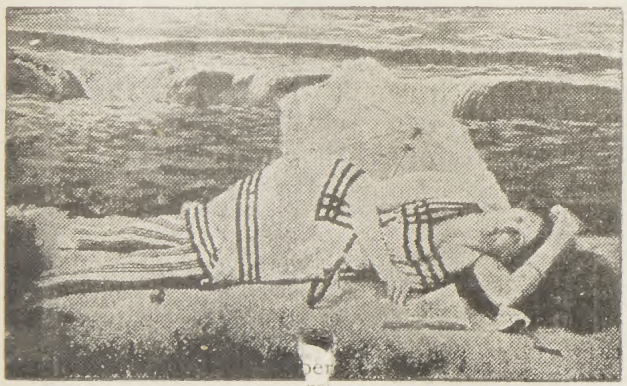
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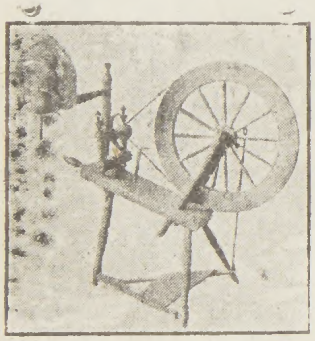
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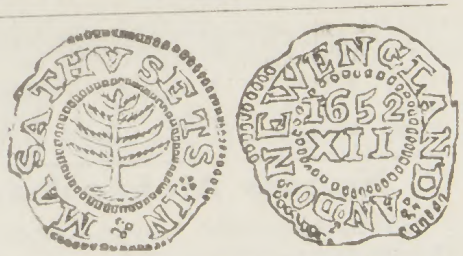
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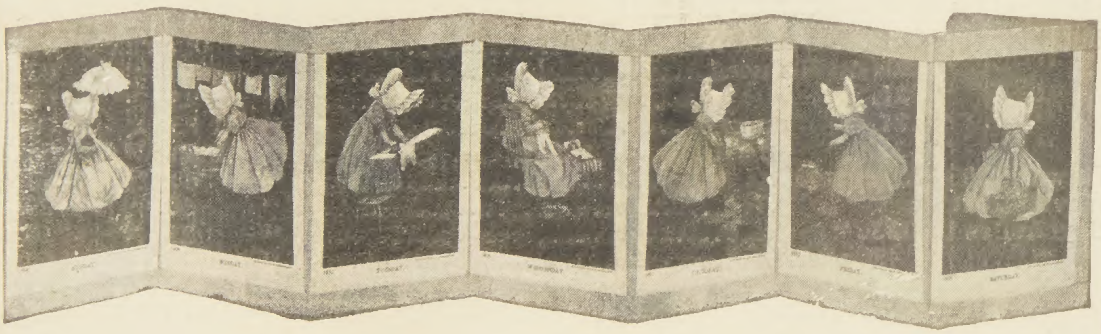
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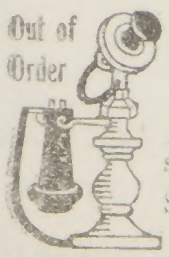
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10	" "	12
5	" "	10
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2	" " " "	15
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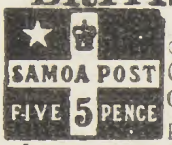
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This is the first issue of the WEST for a good many years that was not under the strict observance of the owner and manager, Mr. L. T. Brodstone. There will be two more issues before he will return, as he is now in London and expects to be absent about three months. Part of this issue has been under his supervision, and coming as we did in the middle of it we have not come quite up to the standard, and there are some errors of which we wish to speak.

The important one is that of the division of the ad of Messrs. Gilbert & Koeler of Paris, France, in which the list of prices of Fiscals at the bottom of the ad was cut off and placed in the next column, in one page of this issue. We discovered the error in time to get the ad together and reprint it in another page. In order to close up the magazine on time we are compelled to print a few back page ads in the front with stamp ads, notably the half page ad of Robert Rhone, advertising Lumierre Plates, Papers and Chemicals, and we ask the indulgence of Mr. Rhone and our readers for this discrepancy. Also we wish to call attention to the center pages of the magazine, where it was necessary for us to use the report of the Union Souvenir Card Exchange as it came in after all the available space had been used and printed. We will try to avoid mixing things in next issue.

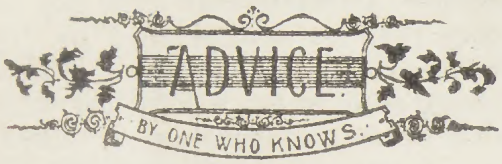
We will be glad to have our readers and advertising patrons send in their copy as early in the month as possible for the July issue, as we must get out on time. We will give all correspondence careful attention, and take care of the advertisers and friends of the magazine as carefully as we can, and give the best service possible. We shall use our best endeavors to bring the next issues of the WEST fully up to the standard, and if the friends of the magazine can help us out. we will be glad to hear from them.

There is one subject in connection with philately that it would be well for collectors to give more thought to, and that is, literature Every collector should carefully preserve each pamphlet, book or magazine that comes in his way, for sometime they will be valuable, in fact they are valuable now. Each item adds to our store of philatelic knowledge, and it is much to be regretted that there are not more large libraries of philatelic literature.

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L. G. DORPAT, Box 37, Wayside, Wis.

(Continued from last issue).

352. The topic of stamped bank checks is not yet exhausted Mr. Walter Bain of St. Louis, was so kind as to write the following: "One of the stockholders and a director in the American Phototype Co., N. Y., and the first man to use stamp printed checks gave me the following history of them: The American Phc. Co. secured a contract with the Government to print stamps on checks, drafts, etc., under the supervision of a representative of the Treasury Dept. and they made up a design of their current 2c bank check orange (adhesive) and placed it in a black frame to correspond with the regular blanks then used, which generally had a heavy square printed in the right hand corner of the check in which to place the stamp. This gentleman ordered a book of checks and they were delivered to him with the understanding that he was not to use them until such time as the printers had a sufficient stock on hand to supply the trade. The first day of their use he was called upon by a secret service man for counterfeiting, and the usual lengthy explanations had to be gone through with. The Phototype Co. were general printers, but having this exclusive right of stamp printing from the Government their business became so great they were forced to abandon the other lines and confine themselves to printing checks. The demand for them was so great, that other establishments brought such pressure upon the officials of the Department they were forced to make a settlement with the Photo Co. whereby the Photo Co. were to cease completing the checks (except for their own orders) and to supply the other establishments in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and other centers with the stamped paper and allow these firms to do the other printing; hence the various firms imprint on the stamps; where the Photo Co's. imprint is on the first and second issues, or others, it implies they were completed in their establishment. After the expiration of the first contract the Government authorized various firms as stamp printers in various sections of the country under supervision of a Department Representive, who saw that a settlement was made each week for all stamps printed, and these firms were compelled to furnish the stamp paper to all other printers upon payment of prices agreed upon."

These statement were made by Mr. J. T. Birch some years before his death. Mr. Bain thinks that possibly some more facts can be learned from Mr. Birch's sons. The dates of the Photo. Co's, two contracts and their expiration, for instance, are such facts which it would be very desirable to know.

Mr. J. D. Bartlett, of Springfield, Mass, kindly wrote the following: "The American Phototype Co. of N. Y., first held the contract of printing stamped paper, and you will find in the Report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, dated Nov. 20, 1868, the following: "The American Phototype Co. of N. Y. imprints internal revenue stamps on checks, drafts, re-

ceipts and other instruments furnished them by parties who desired such, at a cost of 12½c per thousand to the government, all additional cost not to exceed 1c per impression containing not more than six stamps paid by the parties ordering the stamps.'' Butler and Carpenter also imprinted similar stamps at Philadelphia at same cost as the adhesive which was 20c per thousand Now, as the American Phototype Co. were also printers of checks and receipts, it can be stated that the paper was furnished both by the printers of the stamps as well as by the parties ordering the stamps. I might mention here that Sterling's design ''C'' is wrongly placed in his catalogue. This design was the first used by Carpenter and Butler of Philadelphia and should be included under the Philadelphia design (not N. Y.)''

From these and other statements we might draw the conclusion that possibly there are two designs copied from the 2c adhesive, one of the Am. Photo. Co. of New York ''with a black frame'' issued as the very first sometime during 1865 or 66, and another of Butler & Carpenter of Philadelphia ''without a black border'' issued in 1867 or 1868. I have seen neither the one nor the other and would be much pleased to hear from anybody having them or one of them. Would also like to hear of any body having a copy of Sterling's catalogue to spare, or a copy of the check with the St. Louis design, Sterling's Series ''O.''

412. Why are some of the stamps of the Colombian Republic found in so many different shades and even different colors? I am not prepared to answer this fully. One reason is that there are two printing establishments which manufacture the stamps, and that consequently every stamp manufactured in both will accordingly show two varieties, as no two establishments will ever produce quite identical outputs. Another reason with some of the stamps may be that they were printed in several editions, and each edition will differ from the others more or less, sometimes intentionally sometimes accidentally. Even in an establishment like the U. S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing, which turns out products of the highest quality small variations in shades, in the texture of paper and other slight differences can be noted from time to time. In Colombia there seem to have been other reasons besides these two effective in bringing forth such a flood of varieties, and for this excess I cannot account. Perhaps there are some of our readers who can?

413. Has Denmark issued any revenue stamps? Yes, a number of them, and they are quite pretty in their way. Yvert and Tellier list 40 adhesives, many of which are found with and without watermarks. Besides the adhesives there are some stamped papers in use too.

414. Is it true that the new stamps of Switzerland are to be withdrawn and other designs are to be issued in their place? There is a rumor to that effect, but I have not heard of anything definite.

415. Are the Austrian Jubilee stamps lithographed or engraved? I think they are both, but I am not informed as to the exact process of production. Who can tell?

416. Are there any varieties of the International Reply Coupons? Yes, the text is in different languages and the name of the country is different according to where the coupon is issued.

(To be continued).

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Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at 8:00 P. M. in the Auditorium of the Dillenbeck School of Oratory, third floor of the K. C. Post Building, corner of Mcgee and Tenth Streets. Visitors are always welcome,

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SECRETARY'S REPORT. April 27, 1908.

The sixth regular meeting of the K. C. S. C. so far this year was called to order at 8:45 p. m., Friday, March 27,1908 with the following attendance: Messrs. Nelson, Brocesky, Poindexter, Luther, Rouse, Franke, Davis, Woodward, D. Malcolmson, Foulk, Hayum and Louffe·. Mr. Leon Crowl was present as a visitor. Minutes of meeting held Friday March 13, 1908 were read and approved. Mr. Luther reported that progress was being made in regard to the sign for our new location. Promissory notes to the value of twelve dollars due July 1, 1908 and bearing six per cent interest were issued by the treasurer. The issue was subscribed for by the members present. The sales superintendent urged the members to place books of their duplicates in the sales department for circulation. A cross country walk to Merriam, Kansas (14 miles) was proposed. The idea met with favor and after considerable discussion it was decided to make the trip on the third Sunday of April and further discussion was reserved for the next meeting.

Member No. 55, Mr. Andrew Addoms was dropped from the society because of non payment of dues. A motion by Mr. Davis to abolish the stamp drawing, a regular feature of our meetings since our society's inception was amended so that instead of two prizes as in the past only one prize costing fifteen cents will be awarded to the lucky drawer at each meeting. Messrs. Luther and D. Malcolmson were appointed a committee to inquire whether the society might have the use of a room in the new Y. M. C A. for meetings when same is completed. The Secretary urged that better entertainment be provided for the meetings suggesting that lecture covering the political and philatelic history of various popular countries the feature of the entertainment together with a competitive exhibit of the stamps of the country under discussion. The meetings would then have an educational value and the stamp issues of the various states would become more interesting after the political events often giving rise to them were explained. A resolution was passed making it the duty of the members of the entertainment committee to prepare such lectures in connection with the competitive exhibits of various country's stamps. A motion by Mr. Hayum limiting the business session of each meeting to one hour was passed. The meeting then adjourned to meet again Friday evening April 10, 1908.

The seventh regular meeting of the Kansas City Stamp Club of the present season was called to order by President Rouse at 8:21 p. m., Friday, April 10, 1908. Roll call revealed the following thirteen members present: Messrs. Sutorius, Nelson, Brocesky, Poindexter, Luther, Rouse, Franke, Davis, Woodward, D. Malcolmson, J. Malcolmson, Louffer and Crowl. The

minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed with. Mr. Luther reported that the sign for our new location was being made. Committee on perma nent club room in the new Y. M. C. A. building reported progress. Discussion of the proposed cross country walk to Merriam, Kansas, was post poned until the next meeting. Upon motion by Mr. Nelson it was voted unanimously to make the following changes in the society's meetings: The first meeting of each month to remain unchanged. The second meeting of each month to be held as heretofore on the fourth Friday of the month but at the different member's homes instead of in the hall. This meeting will be almost wholly of a social nature, thirty minutes or less being given to business and the remainder of the evening spent in viewing our host's collection, exchanging duplicates and enjoying such entertainment as our host may have prepared for the evening. The first meeting under the new regime will be held at the home of Messrs D and J. Malcolmson, Friday evening April 24, 1908 in response to their invitation and future social meetings at the homes of other members whose invitations will be received and accepted at each business meeting. This arrangement will be discontinued should our efforts to secure a permanent room in the new Y.M.C.A. Bldg,. now being constructed, for our meetings prove successful. The treasurer was instructed to communicate with Prof Dillenbeck in regard to the new arrangement of the meetings. The treasurer rendered his report for March, which was referred to the executive committee for auditing. Other business of less importance was discussed followed by the usual stamp drawing in which Mr. Davis and Mr. Poindexter drew first and second prize. Each was allowed to select his own stamps. As no appropriation from the treasury will be made for the stamp drawing held at the second (social) meeting of the month owing to the new ruling the old plan of two prizes was reverted to— the first prize to cost twenty cents and the second ten cents net. A lottery (the club's fifth) was then held amid considerable uproar. The last ticket from the hat No. 24 was held by Mr. Sutorius who received the prize, a two dollar Columbian 1893 in mint condition It was the opinion of Mr. Sutorius that this feature of our meetings was a fine thing. They will be continued. The meeting then adjourned to meet again Friday April 24. 1908.

The eighth regular meeting of the Kansas City Stamp Club of this year was called to order at 8:56 p. m., Friday April 24. 1908 at the home of Messrs D. and J. Malcolmson, president Rouse presiding and the following eleven members being present: Messrs. Sutorius, Nelson, Poindetxer, Luther, Rouse, Davis, Woodward, D. Malcolmson, J. Malcolmson, Hayum and Crowl. Minutes of meeting held April 10, 1908 were read by the secretary and accepted without change. The proposed cross county walk was abandoned. The secretary was instructed to make a written application to the secretary of the Y M. C. A. for the use of a room in the new Y. M. C A. building for our meetings when it is completed. Communiactions from Mr. Edward Hoffman and Mr. Henry Smith in which they tendered their resignations were read by the secretary but action upon same was suspended until the next regular meeting. It was the opinion of the secretay that members when resigning should surrender their membership card, but some opposition being made, no action toward making this a rule was carried. Time 9:12 p. m. Next meeting in the Dillenbeck school of oratory, Friday May 8, 1908. The remainder of the evenng was spent very enjoyably, piano, graphophone

and refreshments all helping to make and keep everyone merry until a late hour. A contest arranged by the younger Malcolmson called for the naming of the country and denomination of thirteen stamps, the portraits making up the central part of the design of each being all that was shown. The prize, the one peso value of the 1899 issue of Mexico was won by the secretary, who correctly named twelve. Messrs. Poindexter and Crowl closely followed with eleven to their credit. Respectfully submitted,

Arthur L Nelson, Secretary.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, April 27, 1908.

Donations of literature from Mr. Bescher and Mr. Brocesky have been received since my last report. Both were of small amount, but are appreciated. A list of all books now in the library and an inventory of nearly all the magazines has been prepared and will be found in the hall at all meetings A list of the philatelic periodicals being received as issued will be posted on the walls at future meetings also. Respectfully,

Arthur L. Nelson, Librarian.

The Kansas City Stamp Club Financial Statement from Jan 1, to May 1, 1908:

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Receipts		Expenses	
Bal. on hand Dec. 31,	$6 71	Rent	$4.00
1907 Dues	5.25	Printing	3 75
2 Passive membershps	1.75	Vouchers	3.41
Jan. Dues	2.75		11.16
Spec Ass't	2 25	Bal	7.55
	18 71		18.71

February.

Jan. Bal	$7.55	Phil West	2 00
Feb. Due	5.50	Mo. Dairy Co	2 50
F. J. Bescher	1 10	Rent	4.00
Lottery	3 00	O Sutorius	1.10
Spec. Ass't	1.75	Voucher	6.52
	18.90		16.12
		Bal	2.78

March.

Feb Bal	2.78	F. J Bescher	1.10
March Dues	6 65	Rent	4.00
	$9.43	Vouchers	1.72
			6.82
		Bal	2 61

April.

March Bal	2 61	Rent	2.00
April Dues	4.50	F. J. Bescher	12.90
Lottery	2.40	Sales Dept. A. P. A.	.50
Fines	.05	Voucher	.45
	9.56		15.85
Loan	9.00	Bal	2 71
	18.56		$18 56

Resp. Submitted,

Carl S. Davis, Treas. K. C. S. C. No. 34.

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Members of the Southern Phil. Ass'n:—

The time is swiftly drawing near, when the Convention of our society will take place, and I think a few words in regard to this event, will be timely As previously mentioned, the Southern Philatelic Association will convene at Columbus, Ohio, during the latter part of July, about the 20th, instead of the month of August as mapped out by the Committee, this will bring our Convention together with that of the American Phil. Ass'n. which also takes place at the above named city and Members. who belong to both bodies will have the pleasure of "killing two flies with one lick, so to speak. The change of the month may prevent my appearance at the Convention, as very important business makes it necessary for me to remain here but the same will be in such good hands, and under the guidance of Brothers Doak, Brodstone, and other efficient officers that there is not the least doubt in regard to the success.

Members in doubt about anything appertainng to the Convention or its committees, will please apply at Bro. Doak's for information, who is only willing to impart all he knows, to the uninformed.

To all whom it may concern, I wish to call the attention to the following: The names of new members will from now on be omitted, on monthly reports, instead of which, all applicants for membership will be admitted 20 days after their names have been published, providing no objection will be filed during that period.

Before closing this address I will say a few more words in regard to the late Auction Dept I will state that through the inability of a Sioux Falls, S. D. firm which bid freely at the last sale, to remit the amount due this Dept , I have been unable to meet the demands of the printer of the Auction list, and I have permission to keep these lots until sold; any member therefore who wants to bid on any lots of the Sale can do so, until July 15. The Stamps in question are without exception in an A No. 1 condition, and well worth bidding for. Any member, who wishes to know the name of the firm, which bid on lots and crowded out other bidders, but failed to come to time, will get the necessary information at this Dept.

Fraternally yours, Fred G. Fuessel, Pres. S. P. A.

P. S. I would request all members, without fail, to send to the Secre-

tary the names of those, whom they wish, should serve for the ensuing year as the officers of the S. P. A., this is very important, and the duty of every member to attend to this at their earliest possible convenience.

A RECRUITING WORD.

Did you notice the fine list of applications last month? Did you notice that Bro. Doak proposed six of the eighteen applications? If Bro. Doak can do it, why can't you? Our association is destined to be the best out, and don't you wish to be able to say "I helped in the good work?"

Then send to any of the recruiting committee or the Secretary and get some blanks and get that collector you have been exchanging with.

Tell him that we need him and he needs the association and he will come when you enumerate a few of the advantages

We have one hundred and twenty nine members and by August 1, '08 will have three hundred. Are one or two members to have all of the credit?

Let's not let them have it all, but let us all work and keep the good work going. Remember, "Three Hundred" when we meet at Columbus.

L. L. Dickerson. Chairman.

SALES SUPT. REPORT, May 20th, 1908.

78 books in circulation as per last month's report, ...value $1709.41
18 books received since, value 337.04
96 books, value $2046.45
19 books retired during the month,of which the am't of $47 37 was sold 202.40
77 books in circulation. $1844.05

INSURANCE FUND.

Amount on hand as per last month's report.....$77.41
1 per cent from retired books 2.02
Total... .....$79.43

Are you a participant in the Sales Department? If not, you should be. You are missing a snap by not doing so. Do not hesitate to write me any matter concernng the Department.

Respectfully submitted
Charles Roemer, Supt.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

NEW MEMBERS.

1. J. E. Dennett, Mt. Vernon St., Arlington, Mass.
2. Monroe D. Ray, Hammondsport, N Y.
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9. L. J. Marlay, La Porte, Ind.
10. Wm. F. Hafert, Box 602, Maywood, Ill.
11. Roberts Scypes, Richland Center, Pa.
12. James M. Saunders, Box 694. Fitzgerald, Ga.
13. Wm. H. Hollenbach, 325 Elm St., Reading, Pa.

APPLICATIONS.

1. K. B. Squires, Greenport, Long Island, N. Y., 26, Oyster grower, L. Brodstone, Joseph Ogle.
2. W. E. Goodell, 828 Cumberland St., Bristal, Tenn., 37, D. C.

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3. James L. Folsom, Winter Park, Box 21, Fla., 38, clergy, E. L. Maxson, R. L. Doak.

4. Alex Brinkmann, Comfort, Texas, 40, lumber dealer, Charles Roemer, R. L. Doak.

5. E O. Allen, Shreveport, Box 481, La , chief of police, L. Brodstone, H. S. Powell.

6. Benjamin H. Datyon, 6 Irving St., Albany, N.Y., 24, clerk, W. H. Stephenson, R. L. Doak.

7. Atwood A. Hyde, c-o Washington Iron Works, Sherman, Texas, 25, bookkeeper, Charles Roemer, F. Z. Edwards.

The above will be admitted to membership within 30 days providing no objections are filed with the Secretary

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Dear Members:—I am pleased to note the active work that has been existng in the S.P.A. for the past few months and hope all will lend a hand in pushing our roll of membership forward. It is impossible for the officers to do all the work, but they ask the aid of the members as well. We have a new lot of blanks which will be sent to all persons requesting same. If you desire to become a member of one of America's up to date associations, send in your application.

The Convention of the S. P. A. will be held the week of July 20th at Columbus, Ohio, and at which time our election is to be held. No doubt Pres. Fuessel's call for nominations will appear in this issue. I hope all will respond at once and send in their nominations AT ONCE in order that ballots and proxies can be mailed at an early date.

A favor asked of all those S. P. A. members who expect to attend the convention to mail their name on a card to the Secretary at once Hope all will plan their vacation for the convention week and we can assure you that the Columbus "cranks" have many good things in store for us.

Several members have entered complaint that dealers are sending unsolicited selections of stamps to them after their names appear. To those who receive such selections hold them and report to the secretary.

Hoping to hear from all, Fraternally,

R. L. Doak, Sec'y.

GEORGIA STAMP CLUB. Branch No 1., S. P. A , Fitzgerald, Ga.

President, S. C. Davis; Vice-president, Van Martin; Sec'y-treas, W. F. Osborne; Exchange Manager. L. L. Dickerson; Librarian, L. C. Glover.

The forty-fifth regular meeting of the Georgia Stamp Club was called to order at 8:00 p. m., April 17th with President Davis in the chair. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Librarians report received and filed. Exchange Manager made his report for the past month as follows: Books received since March 15th, $37.18. Books returned $16.14. Books now in circulation $12.04. The Exchange Manager wishes to call the attention of the members to the fact that the Exchange Department is not being used as much as it should be. We wish every member would place books in the exchange Application of James M. Saunders for membership was received and accepted. Resignation of B. S. Davis was accepted with many regrets. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p. m. Next meeting to be held Friday evening, April 24th, 1908. Respectfully,

W. F. Osborne, Sec'y.

Beginners Departmnet--Bolivia

By L. G. Dorpat

(Continued from last issue).

The following document relative to the use of revenue stamps for postage, taken form the P. J. of A. Vol, IX p. 95, may find a place here:

"Ororo, December 21, 1892.

To the Prefect of the Department of Oruro.

Sir:—Considering that the issue of 5 and 10 centavos stamps is totally exhausted in the P. O of your city, the chief executive of the Lation, with the purpose of preventing any inconvenience or delay in the public service, has authorized you to order the Director of the Public Treasury to provide the P. O. with the sum of 300 to 400 bolivianos in revenue (tranaccines) stamps of 5 and 10 centavos. The P. O. will render valid these stamps to be used for the postage of the correspondence to the interior, transmitting the respective notice to each one of the other postoffices that they may have knowledge of this decree, which is of a transitory character. (Signed) Baptista L. Paz "Of these as of the revenues used before (1870 1884) there can not have been very many used postally: hence they command a pretty high price and one will do well to take care what he is getting.

During a revolution in 1899 5 values of the issue 1894(1, 2, 5,10 and 20c) were surcharged E. F. over 1899 enclosed in a rectangle and used in the northern part of Bolivia. E. F. stands for Estado Fedral. The 50 and 100c are said to have been so treated and used too, but the latter, the use,is doubted.

About the later issues little need be said. The stamps of 1899 with portrait of General Sucre do credit to the Argentine stamp factory. The issue of 1901 has the following portraits: 1c. Ad. Ballivian; 2c, Camacho; 5c, Campero; 10c, Jose Ballivian; 20c. Santa Cruz The 50c and I bolitiano are not out yet. The 2 bolitianos has the arms.

The present president is Senor Joe. M. Pando. His portrait has not yet appeared on any of the Bolivian stamps.

The story of the Bolivian "Impresos" stamps is too good to withhold, and so will give it as told by the often quoted P L. of A. Vol J X. p. 21. "Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal" is there quotted thus:

"The stamps represented by the above illustration have turned out to be absolute forgeries; or rather, as one cannot say there is a forgery of a stamp that has never existed, they are bogus labels altogether. As far as we can gather, the history of the stamps are as follows: The first intimation of them,we believe was at the Paris Philatelic Exhibitions of last year. A frame was exhibited there containing these stamps, and exhibited in the name of the Bolivian Government This alone was strong presumptive evidence that they were absolutely genuine, but we are able to establish beyond a doubt, by the aid of Monsieur J. B Moans and Messrs. T. Buhl & Co., that they are absolutely bogus The Bolivian Legation in Paris deny any knowledge of such stamps, and there is no doubt that the man who sold them, namely Mr R Moens, of Paris, entirely originated and carried out this bold swindle One fact that led us to have some additional faith in these stamps was, that on April 5th last we received from Bolivia a parcel of them supposed to be sent us in the ordinary way to be exchanged for other, set or packet. These copies had various postmarks; but a pe-

culiar fact was, that the envelope itself was franked with the current issue of Bolivia rouletted, also that from the date of the letter we found that it had been five months on the journey. There appears to be no doubt that it was written in France, and sent out to Bollivia to be posted to us. R. Moens must have dated it at the time he wrote it without thinking. Our esteemed confrere. Monsieur Moens, of Brussels, made a special journey to Paris on this case, and after full investigation he placed the matter in the hands of Mons. Andre Delanney, advocate, 51 Rue St. Hune, Paris, and he was successful in getting back the amount he had paid. We have placed the matter in the hands of the same gentleman, and trust we shall be able to obtain the greater part of the £80 paid for the stamps we bought from R. Moens. Possibly by next month we shall be able to give our readers more information on this subject. In the mean time, however, we wish to state that we shall be glad to receive back immediately from all those of our customers who purchased any of these stamps from us the full series bought with just a note of the price paid us, which we shall immediately return. We shall be glad if all letters in connection with this matter are sent in a separate envelope, and apart from any other business, so that we may make use of such letters to show to what extent we have been swindled. Letters containing these stamps should be marked in the bottom left-hand corner with the word "Bolivia," and we hope to receive all returns as quickly as possible, so that we may go on and complete our case In conclusion, we would point out that we think that some slight care should have been taken by the Committee of the Paris Exhibition to ascertain that the stamps were a bona fide Government exhibit.—We consider that this is the cleverest swindle that has been perpetrated on the philatelic public since that arch-swindler Van Dyck palmed off on many dealers and collectors the reprints of New South Wales."—The fact is the "Bolivia Impress" were of private make and the government of Bolivia knew nothing of the whole scheme.

Of stamped envelopes there are 9 listed by Seuf, 10 by Bright, the latter listing a 10c for 1903 which seems unknown to Seuf. Of wrappers there are but 2, of cards 7 Bright's catalogue has a list of local envelopes besides the regular ones, to wit: Autofagasta 10 20, 30 and 50c, all blue, Climba black (no value) and blue (no value). Coripata red (no value) and Corococo blue (no value). The latter four are all of the year 1873, the first four of 1878. Their types are not described. The prices are rather high for these locals ($7.50 to $18.75); the regular issues are cheap.

Yvert and Teliler list only 38 revenue stamps for Bolivia in their "Catalogue de Timbres Fiscanx" and they are all cheap. If any of our readers are in a position to get them easily in quantities, it may be a good plan to get them and so start a fiscal stamp collection. By doing so they will find that in 1891 postage stamps (issues 1887 1893) were used as revenues, making it clear that in all those stamps which were used for both purposes it is important to pay attention to the cancellations on used specimens in order to keep the postally used stamps apart from those used fiscally. To be more exact the postage stamps that were also used as revenues are: 1c, 2c, 5c 1887, 1c, 5c, 10c 1891 and the 20c 1893 —It would be more than foolish, if we wanted to blame the Boilvians for such a double use of their stamps, after the United States have done the very same thing. surcharging the 1 and 2c postage 1895 with the letter "I R" and thereby changing them into revenues, which

were used until a temporary scarcity of the regular revenues could be overcome.

BRAZIL.

Hardly had the Spanish discoverers announced their find of a new world when their neighbors, the Portuguese, also turned west and took possesssion of the eastern coast of South America, and although they found competitors in the French, English and Dutch, they succeeded in keeping or where they temporarily lost it, in regaining their hold. The outcome of this is that Brazil is populated principally by Portuguese and the official language of the country is the Portuguese language. Whilst the Spaniards were primarily concerned in finding the precious metals, the Portuguese devoted themselves to settlement and agriculture. They entered into treaties with the natives, in which Caramaru (man of fire), a singular character, was of particular service. This Caramaru was a Portuguese nobleman. He was shipwrecked and succeeded in gaining the coast, moreover, by the impression he made upon the natives with his fire arms, in gaining their esteem, several wives and the rank of a chief among them. To his influence, as well as to the pursuit of peaceful enterprises of the Portuguese settlers, is due the peaceful settlement of Brazil as compared with the bloody conquests of the Spaniards in Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia. Had it not been for criminals and fugitives from justice the settlement might have been more peaceful still, but Portugal as other countries in those times emptied part of its penitentiaries to populate its colonies. There was some friction between the colonists, and several times (even recently) there were riots and rebellions, nevertheless Portuguese America compares favorably with Spanish America, and it remained a monarchy long after Spanish America had dissolved into the many turbulent republics, a few of which we have already considered in these columns.

Brazil is a vast country, measuring some 2600 miles in length and 2500 in breadth with about 4000 miles of sea coast, and its population approaches 15 million of various and mixed nationalities. The natural resources are rich and varied, and though their utilization is yet far from being fully developed Brazil is a rich country, which is capable of producing not only what it needs for domestic use, but also a good surplus for export. Education in many parts is yet inadequate and the indolence of the people, especially in the northern or tropic portions is a great drawback to their welfare. Morals and public safety are, it seems, better than in Ecuador and Peru, but compared, for instance, with Canada they leave much to be desired. The many and great rivers afford abundant means for cheap transportation, and railroads are being built at a fair rate carrying other modern improvements with them.

Originally the settlement consisted of many separate colonies on private grants. In 1549 they were united under one general governor, Thome de Sousa being the first appointed. In November 1807 the Prince Regent, who later became King Don Joao VI fled from Portugal and with the royal family took refuge in Brazil against the invasion of Portugal by Napoleon I. In 1808 Brazil was emancipated from the mother country and its ports were opened to foreign commerce. In 1816 the Queen Donna Maria I. died and Don Joao VI. ascended the throne.

(To be continued)

Foreign Revenues--by Oscar C. Hartmann

The editor of the WEST says I must furnish an article about foreign revenues, so here it goes:

Mexico has furnished in its days good sized stamps as large as the shin plasters of the U. S. Civil war. The dimensions are varied, for instance 63x47, 46x60 etc On the other hand Brazil can give an example how small a stamp can be issued in its Consamo stamps.

Argentina must be conceded the honor, if you are so inclined, of occupying 75 pages in the revenue catalog. Of course Argentine is no small country and it's states have all their own issues. Outside the federal issues the province and capital Buenos Ayres have done their share. The symbol 2 hands clasped with a stick on which is a cap resting, you find often. On the guia de campana you see the head of a horse, sheep, cattle depicted. The high pesos of 1869 Buenos Ayres are said to be very, very scarce The isuing of so many documentary, nearly every year a set of 34 ranging from 5 cent to 500 pesos has done a great deal to add to the great number of revenue stamps. Tobacco, testaments, fishing, food supply, soap, spirits, etc need also their special stamp. The second in command as far as revenue goes in the U S. The M. & M stamps are the main factor and the tax paid are also very large in number, and hard enough to get hold of. Oleomargerine, renovated butter, opium, spirits, tobaco, lockseal, meat industry are special branches of the U. S. revenue line.

Spain and its Colonies (Cuba, Philippines, Porto Rico which are now since 1898 separate) but in the catalog under the head of Spain is the third in prominence.

Some difficulty presents itself here, because some issues can be only distinguished by the color, whether it is Spain or one of the colonies. The monetary values are also quite troublesome: 1 peso—100 centavos, 1 peseta —100 centavos, 1 real- 8 cuatros, 8 reales plata—1 peso, and 1000 milesimas de peso—1 peso. Takes a financier to figure out the cash. The war stamp (impueta de guerra) are really only revenue stamps and not postage. Spain is the only country where the National Philatelic Society has its own revenue and official controll stamps. Between 1869 and 1881 revenue stamps were used in Cuba and Porto Rico jointly under the name of Antiles Epagnole, after that respectively separate under their own name.

Germany only occupies twenty three pages which is not bad for all the different states are included All straight issues and designs varied enough to make an attractve collection.

Austria Hungary with its 12 pages can make no big claim, but for variety you can find lithographed, typographed and wood cut all in one early series Hungary made up in various watermarks. The Austrian revenues have a tendency to curl up which can only be overcome by scraping that gum off, or you will find a nice copy later on with a corner broken off, or not to soak them in water at all.

France and its Colonies were mentioned in the 2 previous numbers of the WEST Great Britain is blessed with a great variety of taxes and each requires a stamp. For instance, you start a business, you need a stamp, you go in the bankrupt, you need another, and somebody to wind the business

up, another. Ireland is the only country which has a government dog tax.

Portugal and Colonies also takes a place among the prominent, also do not see many of its revenues.

There are plenty of other countries of course that have revenues, but they do not occupy so much space in the catalog, but I think if Uruguay keeps up the speed, it will carry the palm off. Since 1891 there has been a set issued and not satisfied with that every 3 months it is surcharged with the first, second, third and fourth quarter respectively. The people must be used down there to use revenues or they must be afraid of crookedness. The study of revenues gives you the inside of the various ways, how people on the other side of the world progress or are tax ridden. A pastime or study well worth taking up.

Boost Stamp Collecting--by G. R Sharp

Of late years, people have been hearing a great deal concerning "Old Home Weeks." which are nothing more or less than campaigns to boost some city. What I wish to say right here is, why not boost stamp collecting? Why not double the number of collectors already in existence?

My plan is, "Let the season 1908-1909 be a campaign for the advancement of Philately. Let this campaign start with the American Collectors Associations convention, which is to be held in the latter part of July, and have it continue until the end of the stamp season or until the convention in 1909,"

In connection with this, there are many ideas which could be carried out A general committee could be appointed from the principal philatelic societies to make arrangements for the event. A good sized pamphlet could be published for this occasion only, which would outline the benefits of stamp collecting, which would contain a list of the majority of the important philatelic societies and the members. In the back pages could be given over for the advertisements of stamp dealers. These ads would mostly pay for the whole book. Cuts of valuable stamps, portraits of leading collectors, would tend to brighten up the pages This book could be distributed broadcast throughout the country and with it could go a good sized packet of stamps. The leading stamp periodicals could be invited to print special issues to be distributed and to give certain low rate subscription offers for a certain length of time. Dealers would be asked to bring forth their best offers Different stamp societies could give offers to secure new members.

The expense of carryng out this plan, would no doubt assume large proportions but societies and collectors in all probability be glad to send in small subscriptions, for the benefits derived would be many. The three most important would be: 1. The advancement of good old philately. 2. The boosting of the philatelic press and societies. 3. The increased trade dealers would receive from this boom.

Auction sales of stamps are quite numerous at this time of the year. Catalogues may be had free on application to the United Stamp Company, 1149 Marquette Bldg , Chicago; Toledo Stamp Co ,Toledo, Ohio; B. L. Voor hees 1319 Lawrence Ave. ,Chicago, Ills. ; and others.



Samoan Stamps and Robert Louis Stevenson--An Appreciation

By Verna Weston Hanway

(Continued from last issue).

The local conditions stirred Stephenson strongly. As an Englishman he wanted Great Britain to reform them: and as an Englishman, perhaps it would be more correct to say Scotsman, he had the natural longing to dwell under his own flag. No country is ever quite like one's own; he regretted to see the British Empire, usually so keen and alert in colonial expansion pushing aside her opportunities. But with all this there was that strain which we so love in the man,—the good old Scotch moral sense—a healthy, robust contempt of the blundering rule, the individual ambitions and greed the whole shabby and sordid political system.

Since Robert Louis Stevenson's sojourn at the place where he was to be buried (1890 94), political conditions have undergone a marked but no surprising change. The Samoan group of Islands were, in 1900 portioned between Germany and the United States but the island Samoa in 1899 was ceded to Germany. The philatelic result is the German stamps overprinted "Samoa."

The Samoan stampic issues are not philatelically edifying; with surcharges and yet more surcharges they do not form a particularly pleasing field. They admirably record the political travail through which she passed. The design and coloring are not such as will combine to make up stamps which can be termed gems of art but this is a detail of small moment as philatelists are not amateur or connoissuers. The stamps are simply characteristic and viewed as such they are appropriate philatelic emanations from the South Seas.

The first stamp of the series "Samoa Express" is quaint; the second depicting the bread fruit tree(at least we will term it so, information to the contrary being lacking), is one which we classify as appropriate; the next is also appropriate as a stamp representing a polite fiction, i. e., a country ruled by a king. A shadow of royal authority this!—the vainness of regal vestments, and the old, old sadness of princely blood. The last design is significant,—immensely so! Then the equally significant trail of surcharges, overprints, the whole vexing and wretched botch, and we have an impressionistic sketch of the whole.

It is not to be supposed that Samoa escaped postal scandals, or that the postal department remained in vestal virginity while others were mismanaged. We find a gentleman named Davis, "by authority of the King of Samoa" transacting the postal business. As usual stamps were prepared for use and used, and mail was forwarded to its destination. But Mr. Davis united the business of stamp peddler with his somewhat more high sounding one. He sold any stamps he chose, used or unused. The proceeds went directly into his pockets. Later, when by the trend of event he was superseded, a new order of things of course prevailed, but the mischief had been done. After his death a few years ago a large number of remainders were sold to a dealer at Sydney, New South Wales, for a sum a very great deal below face value.

There are other scandals as well, to which the quotations on Samoan

stamps eloquently attest. When used stamps of comparatively recent years command higher prices than unused the incident is significant. There are enough letter writers in Samoa, and enough business transacted there to reverse this if it were not for these same philatelic abortions. But the whole story is not a pretty one.

So now Samoa rests under the shadow of Germany! I have no quarrel with the German eagle,—rather a sentimental sorrow for the fruitless efforts of Stevenson, and an ache when I remember that pathetic last letter of his to Mr. J. T. Hogan, M. P. Fruitless, did I say? This is incorrect; the series of letters served to call attention to a state of affairs which are no less revolting because they were enacted upon so small a stage. The sadness of his death almost immediately following, gave the whole subject a most pathetic interest. As is usual with human-kind the world was ready then to try and better things, where before his earnestness provoked smiles.

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The Secretary has received complaint from several new members that some dealers have made a practice of sending unsolicited selections of stamps on approval. This system should be discouraged in the best interests of all concerned and names of dealers practicing such tactics should be reported to the Secretary who will take steps to put an end to it if possible. The best method of treating these dealers is to require them to forward sufficient stamps for return registration.

Why not overhaul your duplicates and realize upon them through the medium of the Sales Department Mr. Smith reports a greater demand for books than he can supply, surely such a condition of affairs as this cannot last long. Your duplicates are worth money to other collectors, why not get it?

NEW MEMBERS.

161. K. B. Squire. 162. Wm. F. Hopert.

APPLICATION.

163 H. Fred Boehmer, Berlin, Ont. Reference, W. H. Schmalz and G. A. McIntyre.

R. J. Mundell, Sec'y.

The Postage Stamp No 22 , edited by Mr E. J Nankivell, F.R.P.S.L. asks the question "Are Stamp Dealers necessary?" and answers the question affirmatively—for the "would be successful philatelic weekly"—but negatively for the collector. The arguments brought forth are witty and well calculated to provoke contradiction, so that, after all, the stamp dealers come out a little ahead. The whole paper is so spicily written and so full of suggestions that it cannot fail to interest and benefit the reader.

Lucy's Luck-- by S. A. D. Cox

"I don't like Lucy Sanford, mother."

"Why not, Julia?"

"Oh, she's too proud for a girl whose folks are as poor as hers are. She thinks she is as good as I am."

"Well," said Mrs. Meldon, drily, "perhaps she is a good as you are."

"Oh, I mean that she thinks she ought to move in the same society that I move in and be talked to and admired as much as myself. Which is presumptuous don't you think?"

Mrs. Meldon shook her head. "I can't say that I do Julia," was the reply. "She goes to the same church and is to be considered your equal, I think, in everything save money and that does not make the difference that you seem to think it should."

Julia was silent a few moments, and then said: "Mr. Morse seems to think she is the nicest girl in Alexandria."

"Ah, that is it, eh?" said Mrs. Meldon. "I thought there was something back of your dislike for Lucy aside from her being the daughter of poor folks. Mr. Morse comes to see you occasionally, however, and why should you think he likes Lucy more than you?"

"Oh, he acts it and looks it when he is around her "

"Well, Juila, my advice to you is that if you want to win Mr. Morse you will be friendly to Lucy. Invite her here, and be her chum Being Lucy's friend will recommend you to him."

"I guess you are right, mother," said Juila after a moment's thought, "I'll do as you say "

After that Julia was with Lucy Sanford quite a good deal and had her at her home frequently. She was a good actress and Lucy did not suspect that Julia did not really like her. Lucy was a frank, unsuspecting girl and she learned to like Julia first rate although her instinct told her that Julia was rather selfish.

One afternoon, when Lucy was at the Meldon home, Julia said: "Let's go upstairs. I have a lot of old dresses in a trunk, and we'll get them out and see what can be done with them."

They were soon looking at the dresses in question, and many of them were almost new, Julia having worn them only once or twice. Julia happened to see Lucy looking at a little trunk in one corner, and said: "That is grandmother's Her wedding dress is in there. I'll show it to you."

She opened the trunk and was showing Lucy the dress, and then as she heard her friend give utterance to an exclamation, she said: "What is it?"

"That stamp on that old letter?" said Lucy, her eyes shining with excitement.

Julia glanced at the letter, and saw that it bore a stamp circular in shape, with the words. "Alexandria Post Office, Paid 5." on it, but it did not excite her, she simply saying listlessly: "It's a queer looking stamp, isn't it."

"Yes," said Lucy; "and do you know, it is worth a lot of money!"

"What, that old stamp?" queried Julia.

"Yes."

"I can't believe it, Lucy," she said: "and you are welcome to it, if

you want it."

"Oh, I would like to have it," said Lucy, her eyes shining. "I'm a stamp collector, you know; I have a nice collection, not valuable particularly, for I have not been able to buy stamps, but it is pretty and gives me a lot of pleasure. But, I could not accept that stamp, Julia: it is too valuable for you to give me."

Julia arched her eyebrows "Why, how much is it worth?" she asked. "Five or ten dollars, perhaps?"

"It's worth a thousand dollars," said Lucy, quietly; "perhaps two thousand."

"What!" Julia was surprised indeed, and gazed at her friend in a manner which was proof that she could hardly believe the girl's statement. She took up the letter and examined the stamp more closely, and then said: "Lucy, you know what you are talking about, I guess; take this stamp, and if you can find a buyer for it, sell it, and you shall have half."

"Very well, I will do that," said Lucy; "but I could not accept the stamp as a gift."

She took the envelope and stamp home, and wrote to a stamp dealing firm in Philadelphia, sending the stamp to them, and later it was sold at auction for four thousand dollars."

"I don't feel right about accepting so much money," said Lucy, when she gave Julia the two thousand dollars, but Julia made a gesture and said: "You must keep it, Lucy. The lesson in fairness and unselfishness that you have taught me is worth it. Keep the two thousand dollars, Lucy, and from now on, we shall be better friends than we have ever been before."

And this was indeed true. Lucy's honesty and unselfishness in the matter of the valuable stamp had taught Julia a lesson, and although she was Lucy's rival for the love of Mr. Morse,she was fair in it, and when Lucy and Mr. Morse were married, Julia was bridesmaid.

PHILOLOGICAL LETTERS.

A splendid opportunity is offered by E. Haberland of Lipzig, to all those who know German and wish to learn Latin, old Greek, new Greek, Danish, Dutch, Italian, Portugese, Russian, Swedish, Spanish, Hungarian French or English. Herr Haberland has published a series of letters for each of these languages by eminent scholars, calculated to make the private study of these languages not only pleasurable but profitable as well. Whoever has tried to acquire a foreign language without oral lessons, will know that this is not easy, and it takes a great deal of effort on part of the student if he is to employ the common text books, grammars and dictionaries. Here we have something quite different. These language letters or philological letters are expressly written for private study, they have been tried and their value has been shown over and over again. Besides that they are cheap,averaging about $3.00 a series, or, while other similar works were sold in this country for $25.00. If any of our readers wish to take up the study of any of the languages named above, I shall glady order them a set from Herr Haberland for the regular price, and shall also offer them my personal assistance during the time of their study. All I ask is that they pay the postage, the pleasure I derive from the study being sufficient remuneration for any exertions. Address L. G. Dorpat, Wayside, Wisconsin.



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The eighty second regular meeting of this Society was held Tuesday, April 28th at the usual place and time.

In the absence of the President who was unable to be present owing to sickness, Treasurer J. H. Humes took the chair.

In spite of the fact that the circus had come to town we had a good average turnout of members, fifteen being present, namely:—Anschuetz, Baer, Bain, Bollman, Chase, Delafield, Humes, Kennedy, Low, Millhouse, Ritchie, Ruedi, Schoeman, Voelker, Wood.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The application of W. A. Ritchie was reported upon favorably by the membership Committee and he was duly declared elected.

Communications from the United Stamp Co. and Redfield's Weekly were read by the Secretary.

The Chairman of the Entertainment Committee reported the following donations of stamps to the Prize Fund, Bain $1.40; Delafield .41. Dr. Baer's packet of stamps had been examined and was found to catalogue $13 13.

The "Sweden" contest, strange to say, only brought out three collections, Messrs. Delafield and Wood's for exhibition and Mr. Low's. The latter was awarded a prize. It is to be hoped that our members will not show such apathy over the "Denmark" contest which takes place in May.

To fill in the evening the Secretary sprang a little contest on the members in the form of two questions:—1. Give a list of women whose pictures appear on stamps 2. Give a list of stamps which have a map upon them.

Delafield and Millhouse tied for first with 18 points and split the prize between them. Voelker had 16, Chase and Schoeman 14 each.

The evening closed with the auction of two lots for the benefit of the Treasury.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12th at 8 p. m. Rooms 803-805, Wright Bld , 8th and Pine Sts.

The eighty third regular meeting of this Society was held May 12th at the usual place and time. The President, Mr. Myers, in the chair.

There were thirteen members and one visitor present. Anschuetz, Bollman, Chase, Cornwall, Humes, Low, Millhouse, Pokorny, Ritchie, Ruedi, Schellhorn, Schoeman, Wood.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The Secretary reported the receipt of a copy of "Stamps Worth Fortunes" by Fred J. Melville, from the author. The same was handed over to the Librarian. The thanks of the Society will be forwarded by the Secretary.

The Chairman of the Entertainment Committee reported two more donations of stamps to the prize fund. Mr. Strauss $5.12, Mr. Humes $5.00.

The Exchange and Sales Manager reported his department in good condition, quite a few new books have been put into the circuit which is on

hand at every meeting.

The President requested the Chairman of the Recruiting Committee to get out a list at the end of the half year showing the results of the work done by the members of his committee. He urged all present to do their utmost to help the committee by securing at least one new member.

The menu served by the Entertainment Committee was supposed to be a set of ten questions but upon close examination they were found to contain twentythree minor varieties or thirty three questions altogether. The author of them, fortunately for him, was not present so he escaped the vengeance of his victims. The three prizes were well earned. the leading contestants were Myers 93½; Wood 80; Schoeman 79; Millhouse 71; Anschuetz 56.

The meeting closed with the auction of a couple of lots kindly donated by Mr. Ritchie to the Treasury.

Applications received, M. Pokorny, 1339 Park Ave., St. Louis, Mo., proposed by G. Wood. Change of address J. Ruedi from 2741 Eads Ave to 2219 Pestalozzi Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 26th at 8 p. m. Rooms 803 805 Wright Building 8th and Pine. Contest of "Denmark" collections will be the big feature.

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We would like to receive the ideas and suggestions of all the members as to the best way to collect accounts or get return of goods. A dealer in Denver whom we helped in a Detroit case writes that he heard from the party after a year by our help and that he would like to hear how the other members do.

Congressman Kustermann of Wisconsin is making a fight against the rental of cancelling machines and postal mail cars for prices that equal about one-third to one half of the original cost of these conveniences. He says the postal administration should buy or build them and not pay 33 to 50 per cent of their value annually for their rent. He finds the support of others who claim that when all the graft can be eliminated there will be a surplus instead of an annual deficit in the post office department. We heartily wish them success!



A Few Excerpts from My Note-book

By Verna Weston Hanway

Mr. Brodstone received a while ago an envelope addressed, "Mr. P. West, Superior, Nebr." Herein rests the rewards of fame,—it was correctly delivered. I wonder how many journals in the country could have a Mr. and an initial prefixed and still retain their identities.

A gentleman who removed from Los Angelos to an eastern city, has just undergone an unique experience. A short time ago he received a notification from a postal authority that an envelope upon which there was due two cents was held subject to the payment of postage. He forwarded the stamp, and is now awaiting the letter's arrival with interest.

It is seldom that a letter attains the importance of having two trips made across this continent on its behalf. But the gentleman fears it will turn out to be a patent medicine circular! !

If there is anything in the world I like better than a stamp it is MORE STAMPS. So, gradually I, have come to be one of those over whom blocks o'-four hold sway. Used or unused, it makes no difference, but if they are on covers, or from the edge of the sheet, then philatelic glee holds high carnival. Some hundreds of these latter I have, off and on cover, and they are a most interesting philatelic by way. Some time I'll extract a few notes on the subject from my note book, but just now, I have a glimpse of the office cat, or its shadow flitting acoss these pages. Then too, the mail leaves in fifteen minutes.

THE BURDEN OF MINOR VARIETIES.

The increasing burden of microscopical minor varieties is beginning to tell so seriously that I hear of a decided movement to get rid of it somehow. Dealers declare that it is injuring trade, and that a good general catalogue that will confine itself to leading and definite varieties must come some day, and the sooner the better.

Perplexing varieties have been loaded on to some countries during the last few years at such a pace that not a few of the finest countries are being literally choked with Philatelic weeds.—Ex.

There are about 60,000 postoffices of the fourth class within the U. S., and 6000 of the first, second and third class together.

WHEN DOCTORS DISAGREE

By Verna Weston Hanway

(Continued from last issue)

The Child: "You'd be a dear Jack—," (he settles his necktie and beams benignly) "if, you didn't happen to be such a prig," rises and goes out. Cousin Jack scowls after her.

SCENE II.

A dining room. Numerous persons at table Dr. Stonology at left of Mamma; Dr. Stampology at her right Mrs. Dowager Diamonds at Stoneology's left. The Child at his left.

Cousin Jack, soto voce looking across at Dr. Stampology, "What a distinguished looking man! He must be the eminent Dr. Stoneology. I suppose that other at 'Mamma's left is Dr. Stampology. What a wizenedup little man he is. But what can you expect of a man who collects stamps!", shrugs his shoulders.

He catches Dr. Stampology's eye and says courteously, "I have always wished to have the pleasure of meeting you, sir, but of course I have known you a long time by reputation: so long that I feel as if you were an old friend. I have read all of your books and want to congratulate you on the important additions you have made in the cause of science,—additions of great immense importance."

The Child stifles a laugh and smiles at Dr. Stampology. He looks bewildered, but smiles back.

Dr. Stampology: "You are too kind;your sentiments are I assure you, most gratifying. I thank you."

Mrs. Dowager Daimonds, turning a wide expanse of white shoulder to Cousin Jack, "I noticed you in your box at the Majestic last night, Mr. Doone. The vaudeville was wretched, don't you think so? I very seldom go to anything of the kind, but as there was absolutely nothing worth seeing elsewhere, and nothing else to do, I went. I was exceedingly bored! Pan Pan danced wretchedly, don't you think so? I suppose you'll write one of those charmingly satirical criticisms about her. I should think a cultured and learned critic would find her too really ridiculous."

The Child, smiling sweetly": "My big cousin, dear Mrs. Dowager Diamond, is very much interested in engaging psychological researches at present."

Mamma rises,and the ladies pass out,as Dr. Stampology opens the door.

SCENE III.

A drawing room. The gentlemen file in from the dining room. Cousin Jack and Dr. Stampology reenter arm in arm. They sit down facing each other.

Dr. Stampology, as Dr Stoneology passes: "There is a gentleman who does not view my efforts so kindly. He doesn't consider my labors of the slightest scientific merit. But of course he has more claim to the gratitude of real science," smiling at Dr. Stoneology who pauses near them

Cousin Jack, earnestly: "Pardon me sir! His poor and trifling efforts are completely overshadowed by yours. I can't see, I really cannot, why my cousin, I like to call her so altho' she is a very distant one in fact, is so infatuated with him. I could wish that she would give up her childish

whims and interest herself in vital, important things. Perhaps you might persuade her. I beg to repeat, sir, I have a high honor for your researches. They are scientific and learned In comparison that gentleman's are weak and anemic,—I should term them childish."

Dr. Stoneology, coming up to them, "Really, your remarks are flattering, but scarcely lucid. Will you be so kind as to inform me wherein my researches merit them?".

Mamma, Mrs. Dowager Diamonds, and The Child, join them.

Mamma, "I really haven't had time to introduce you. Jack, this is the eminent Dr. Stoneology. Dr Stoneology, my cousin, Mr. Doone. You may have heard of him; he is the dramatic critic, and is much interested in scientific matters, you will have much in common," she turns to Dr. Stampology "I noticed you talking with each other at dinner, so suppose you have already met."

Cousin Jack gasping as Dr Stoneology bows grimly, "Er er-er why I—er thought the gentleman was Dr. Stampology." Both gentlemen smile.

The Child: "Why, how funny! Dr Stampology and I beg that you excuse us," she passes her arm through his, he bows urbanely to the others and they pass into another room.

Mrs. Dowager Diamonds, purringly: "Dear, dear Dr. Stoneology, can't you tell me all about that expedition you so bravely led in Central Africa?"

Cousin Jack bows and hurries away with a savage and flushed face.

The Postmasters' Advocate, by the way, gives among many other points of interest a number of interesting figures relating to the U. S. postal service. The figures are taken from official report. We repeat some of them here.

At the close of the fiscal year 1907 rural delivery was in operation on 37,728 routes served by 37,582 carriers. On 689 of these routes service is performed tri weekly. On nearly all of the remainder the service is daily. The expenditures were $26,755,524.00 approximately. 723 countries are served. The standard route is 24 miles with at least 100 patrons. It is recommended that rural carriers should wear uniforms. A local parcels' post is to be established and possibly a general parcels' post. Receipts from the sale of postage stamps, stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers and postal cards in 1907 were $165,742,093 88. The railroads received $44,495,000 00 for carrying the mails. There were 805,568,700 postal cards of the various kinds issued to postmasters and $173.006,476 27 in stamps of the various denominations, while the number of stamped envelopes and wrappers amounted to 1,418,840,250 and the number of stamp books 17,686.800. Of registered letters and parcels there were 38,255,649 of which more than 4 million were free; hence the registry fees amounted only to $2,722,446 32. 37,572 money order offices were in operation, and these issued 62,069,783 domestic and 3,640,136 foreign money orders amounting to 479,650,342 64 and 84,080,711.06 respectively, or 563,731,053.70 together. (Dorpat).

DeKay's Stamp Circular No. 3 is here and about the only fault it has is, that there is not more of it. It will certainly gain friends, if it keeps in the way it has started. It may be had with The WEST for 50c a year, of ordered from Clarence P. DeKay, Florida, N. Y.

Secret Marks On U. S. Stamps

By A Collector

Secret marks long undiscovered and other peculiarities give exceptional value to many of the United States stamps issued from 1870 to 1875.

The stamps of 1870 were printed by the National Bank Note Company, and were all embossed in relief on the back. They consisted of eleven denominations: 1 cent ultramarine with the portrait of Franklin; 3 cent, green portrait of Washington; 6 cent carmine Lincoln; 7 cent vermilion Stanton; 10 cent brown Jefferson; 12 cent violet, Clay; 15 cent orange, Webster; 24 cent purple. Scott; 30 cent black, Hamilton; and 90 cent carmine, Perry.

In 1873 the Continental Bank Note Company of New York got the contract for printing the stamps and while it used the identical plates of the former company, its engravers added to each denomination a secret mark almost undiscoverable by the layman, that the two issues might be distinguished. The stamps were of the same general colors as the 1870 issue.

The secret marks remained unknown until 1895 when stamp collectors found a private mark on the 12 cent stamp, and afterward mark after mark came to light until all the denominations were found to have secret marks except the 24, 30 and 90 cent stamps. These were distinguished by other peculiarities.

CLASSES OF THE ISSUE.

The stamps of the 1870-75 period can be divided into five general classes: those of 1870-71 without embossing on the back; those of 1870-71 with embossing; the Continental company's stamps of 1873; the stamps especially printed for sale to collectors in 1875, and lastly, the regular issue of 1875 on which two denominations were especially printed.

The rarest 1 cent stamp of this series is that of the special printing of 1875, which can be recognized by the fact that it is printed on hard, white woven paper, instead of the regular paper of the 1873 issue. Like the regular 1 cent stamp of 1873, it bears a secret mark, which consists of a small crescent drawn inside the first small white ball to the left of the large figure "1." This stamp unused is valued at $50. A stamp with the same mark, but on regular paper is worth $1. and that, without any mark, the larger stamp of 1870-71 with embossing is valued at $7.50.

The 2c stamp of the special printing series is also the rarest of the denomination of the period named. The stamp is dark brown, is printed on the same paper as the 1 cent, and shows a mark in the form of a small diagonal line under the scroll at left of "U. S." This variety in unused condition is valued at $40. The stamp on the regular paper with the same mark at $1 50 and the stamp of the 1870-71 issue with embossing, which does not show the mark at $5.

(To be continued).

Mr. John F. Seybold of Syracuse, N.Y., specialist of stamps on orginal covers was so kind as to send us a picture of his Canada 12 pence black on the original valued £120. It is a beauty. Mr. Seybold's example has undoubtedly helped a good deal in this country, to bring the attention of collectors to original covers. The Perforator had quite a number of his good things in illustration.

Stamp Items

By C. E. Jenney

I have lately been shown a U. S. stamped envelope seldom met with. It is the 1c green on buff of 1857. It was an entire used copy bearing the "Paid. Wells, Fargo & Co., through our California Express" label. The whole was in fine condition. The stamp is catalogued by Scott at $20 00 cut square.

A rather unique case is that of the Uruguay 5c blue of 1904 and the 5c blue of 1906. The latter is apparently an exact reproduction of the former, but enlarged. This is the only case of the kind that I know of.

One of the most ridiculous and laughable statements that has come to my attention for a long time was made by Dr. Emma L. Walker in the October 1907 number of the Ladies' Home Journal. Speaking of unused stamps as sold at the postoffice, she says, "The gummed side of a postage stamp is reeking with germs. Never use the tongue for licking either stamp or envelope." "Reeking" is good, especially with the expense and trouble the government has been to get a perfectly harmless and pure adhesive substance. If it was a private firm of which this statement had been made a libel suit would certainly have been justifiable. It is a wonder that some people dare to open their mouths for fear of inhaling poison.

Size 14 on amber of the 2c brown 1907 stamped envelopes seems to be of considerable scarcity and well posted envelope collectors are looking around for it. The small size 1, which only comes on white is also a good envelope. It would seem as if this very small size is only called for in a few of the small rural districts.

Two scarce types of the 1903 issue of stamped envelopes are No. 124 on amber and on buff. These are only found on the size 3 envelope. It is the last type discovered of the 140 type of this issue and only just recently reported by Barrett, though this issue is supposed to be retired for some time.

The Postmasters' Advocate No. 10, Vol. XIII is particularly interesting. One of the good things it contains is an article by William E. Curtis on Postage Stamp Fakes (written originally for the Washington Star and the Chicago Record Herald) treating of James Harden Hickey and his Trinidad issue, the Clipperton Island stamps, Ledang and quite a number of others. The stories are quite breezy, but it appears as if Mr. Curtis did not in all cases confine himself strictly to the relating of facts and that collectors and dealers of postage stamps are in his mind a pretty poor set of reasoners. He might have added reports about still other fakes and that as a rule collectors and dealers are not so easily duped as might be supposed from the large number of schemes tried for robbing them Generally the schemer gets the worst of it, and only would-be-collectors and would-be-dealers are really entangled by them. Other cases are exceptions. Philatelists generally require pretty good proof before they invest to any extent.

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ROLL OF HONOR.

Our Five Leaders.

Points to date.—916. L. W. Dison, 21. 903. Arnaldo Ghisla, 13. 868. Mrs. John Hoffman, 9. 314 Miss M. Hays, 8 1133. T. G. Griffin, 7.

The following members have secured one or more new points during the month just ended:—329. Edena May Carroll, New points, 1; Total points 1. 924. Frank Schmidt New points 1, Total points 1. 931 W. Kay Fetter, New points 3, Total points 7. 1208. Jas. A. Carr Jr., New points 2, Total points 2 1290. Geo. G. Dimick, New points 1, Total points 3 1291 Walter Kruger, New points 1, Total points 5. 1409. Miss Ida Paine, New points 1, Total points 1. 1423 Edw. W. Banks, New points 1, Total points 1. 1462. W. L. McMillen, New points 1, Total points 1. 1447. Walter C. Rowe, New points 1, Total points 1.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

1289. Mr. George J. Rhin Jr., Manchester, Wisconsin, desires to hereafter exchange with foreign members only.

1325. Wm. C. Stephens, Seeley Creek, "I should thank the members very much if each one should send me one (1) view card except those who have sent cards before I will answer all."

1385. F. Gonzalez Sioco, wishes no further exchange until further notice.

736. Frank W. Johnson, Fargo, N. D., will be in Peoria, Ill., during the week of June 15, in camp with the Forrester Team of Fargo, N.D., and would be pleased to meet any member at that time.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

1038. Arthur Schneider, 295 High St., to 7 Burndt St., Newark, N. J.

1477. E. F. Bullard, 912 Market St., to 603 Crockett, Shrevesport, La.

J. Leahy, Box 21, Station B, Montreal, Quebec, Canada., to 405 Hulett St., Schenectady, N. Y.

1385. F. Gonzalez Sioco, P. O. Box 104, Manila, P. I. to Candaba, Pampango, P. I.

EXPIRED.

The following memberships expire during the month of June: 358, 482, 514, 524, 546, 548, 1176, 1177, 1178, 1179, 1181, 1182, 1138, 1184, 1185, 1186,1187, 1189, 1191, 1192, 1194, 1195, 1196, 1197.

RESIGNED

619. Erhard Rapprich, Lorettogasse 108, Bohemia, Austria.

RENEWALS.

447. J. A. Blair, Box 818, Edmonton, Alberta, Can

432. Milton M. Herr, 454 W. King St., Lancaster, Pa.

467. J. F. Aborn, 70 Merrick St., Worcester, Mass. (good cards only)

1017. Royal Froom, 285, So. Pearl St., Denver, Colo.

1078. George Parker, 1022 North Eye St., Tacoma, Wash.

1092. Alfon J. A. Stark, 163 Tompkins Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

1108. Jaspar Spock Jr., 164 Locust Ave., New Rochell, N. Y. (Views of Baptist churches and Y. M. C. A. buildings preferred).

1110 Clarence C. Robinson, 1410 E. Winchester Ave, Ashland, N.Y.

1125. J. Leahy, 405 Hulett St., Schenectady, N. Y.

1184. Emerson A. Stoner, Greenwood Park Station, Des Moines, Ia.

1333. Francisca Goven, Bacolor, Pampanga, P. I.

1378. Joseph M. Agerino, Sindoim, Calulut, Pampanga, P. I.

Our Secretary, J. Park Graybell, has on account of his business been compelled to resign his place as Secretary, thus leaving, myself to take charge of that office, he will remain among us as General Manager,however.

F. W. Hawes.

NEW MEMBERS.

1473. George Petit Jr, Lyndonville, N. Y. (Foreign only).

1474. S. W. Dodd, Latrobe, Ohio.

1475. Annie E Dewey, 56 Center St., Pittsfield, Mass.

1476. Miss Cornelia I. Dunn, Box 74, Walden, N. Y. (Foreign only).

1477. E. F. Bullard, 912 Market St., Shreveport, La.

1478. Mrs. C. W. Osborne, Youngstown, Ohio, General Delivery. (Colored views only)

1479. Ambrose Poorman, 411 Lyconnig St., Williamsport, Pa.

1480. Ed Gutierrez, David Bacolor, Pampanga, Luzon, Philippine Is.

1481. Mrs. E. O. Jones, Nilwood, Ill.

1482. Clifton E. Webster, North Yakima, Wash.

1483. Walter Schmus, 618 W School St., Chicago, Ill. (Unused views in sealed envelopes).

1484. C. C Schmuss, 618 W. School St, Chicago, Ill. (Unused views in sealed envelopes).

1485. Fred Huber, 2730 W. 6th St., Cincinnatti, Ohio. (No comics)

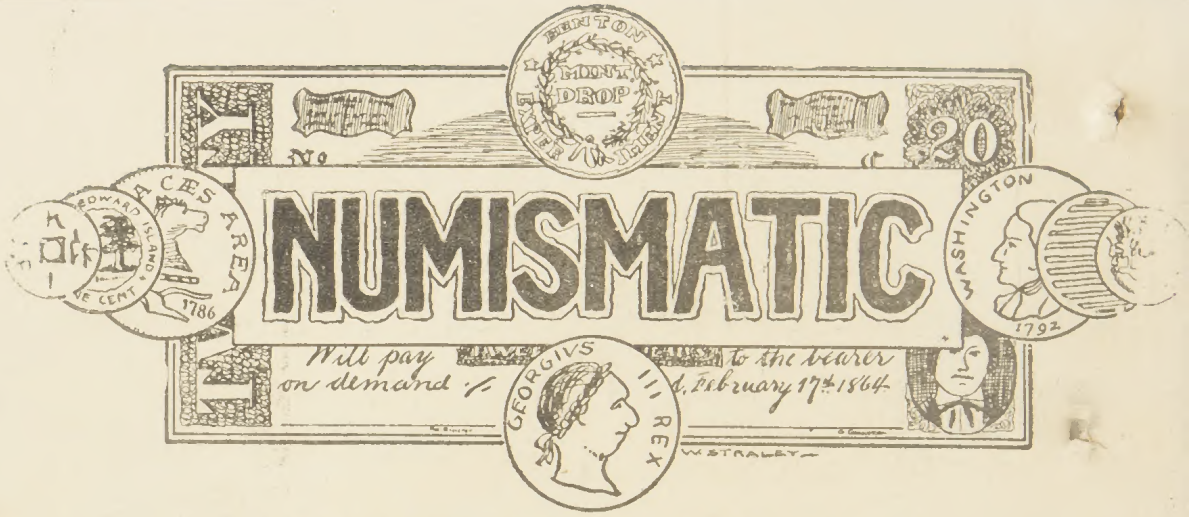
1486. C. V. Westfall, Lost Creek, W. Va., R. F. D. No 1.

1487. Jose Lajseyra, Caonao, Cienfuego, Cuba.

1488. C. J Schlagenbusch, Milesville, Stanley Co., South Dakota

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Insurance Postcards. Souvenir postcards with insurance policies attached is one of the latest developments of the postcard craze. You buy the card for 5 cents, sign and keep the contract attached to it and mail the souvenir card proper to your wife, sweetheart or next friend, and you are insured for $500 for twentyfour hours in case of accidental death or the loss of hands or feet by accident. The limited contract policies are with a Casualty Company of New York City. This unique idea is meeting with success, especially among travelers.



OLD COINS OF AMERICA

(Continued from last issue)

"By permission of Harper Bros., from Harper's Weekly."

But other pieces were coined by Wood under a special patent for America which were somewhat more successful. This was known as the Rosa Americana coinage, from the device on the face of the coins. It was more extensivley used in the South, as it did not win much favor in the North. It was struck in the composition resembling brass. Pennies, half pennies, and farthings were issued, the dies varying even in pieces of the same value.

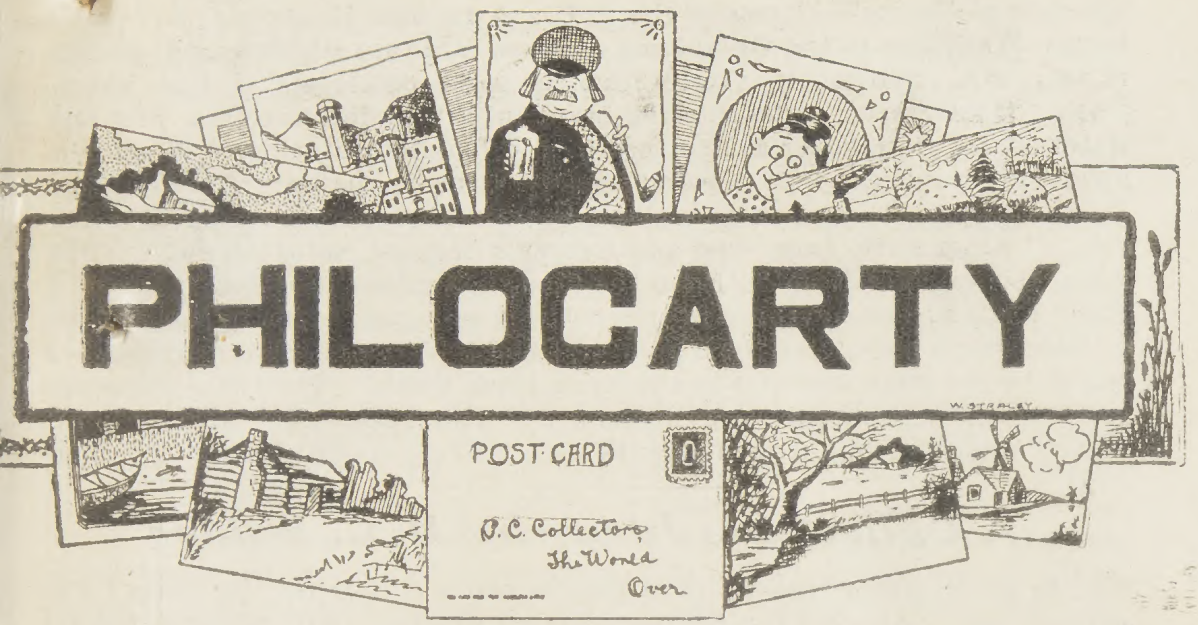
Probably the earliest copper coin which it can, with any degree of certainty be affirmed, was struck in America, was a private coinage in the little village of Granby, in Connecticut. This was produced by a man by the name of Higley, or Highley.

In 1737 Mr. Higley of Granby made or procured a rude set of dies, and out of copper dug in Granby, he coined various coppers. These pieces circulated in New England, but being of a metal, soft and easily rubbed, they wore off and became smooth. Some bore the device "The value of three pence," while others bore the legend around an axe, "I cut my way through." Numerous counterfeits were made in 1860.

In 1773 a copper coin was struck in England for use in Virginia, which was a very fine piece. It has been said that the issue of this coin had some reference to an interesting historical fact, namely, the invitation of Chas. II by Virginia, to come over and establish his throne in the Dominion—an invitation which the king did not forget, but subsequently honored by allowing Virginia to adopt his own arms. The authority of this statement is not known, but the coin remains one of the most beautiful of the early coins of America.

Soon after this the Revolution came, and brought with it the usual necessities of war, and the immense issues of paper money form part of the colonial history which it is no part of the present purpose to go into. With the peace came the instant demand for coin, and all the Northern States set to work at once to supply the demand.

A coin made its appearance after the close of the war which has been variously called the Tory Cent, or Georgia Cent, and the Georgius Triumpho. There is certainly no reason for imagining that this coin was designed by a Tory, for it appears to be the work of an honest American, somewhat behind in his Latin. The head is not precisely a portrait of Washington, but Liberty on the reverse standing behind a barrier of thirteen bars shows the spirit of the coin. (To be continued.)



The very oddest and latest seen in novelty Post Cards is one sent to me from Cuba. A hand made card painted in water colors with a native scene of Palms etc. It is constructed of Yagne, the dry bark of the Royal palm of Cuba. It was sent from Habana, Cuba. These make quite a remarkable souvenir, and are made by certain Mrs. M. G. Wallace. The designs are original and comic even. One shows a Cuban babe sitting under a Royal Palm tree with the inscription, "Alone in Cuba". Such cards as these can also be made of the tender birch trees or poplar trees, and decorated with colored inks or watercolors. I have made such from Wisconsin birch bark and found same very satisfactory.

Several new series of post cards issued have made their appearance, and they certainly will equal, if not surpass any seen as yet in sales. One set shows Colorado scenes as seen on Colorado Springs and Cripple Creek R. R. by moonlight. Rich in coloring by the three color photography, and appear as near to an oil painting as anything else compared.

The first shows "Looping the Mountain," "The Devil's Slide," "Sentinel Rock, Clyde Park," "St. Peter's Dome," "Rounding Devil's Slide," "Silver Cascade Falls," "Rock Creek Loop," "Bird's eye view of Cripple Creek, Colo.," "Cathedral Park," "Three Elevations of Track as looped about the mountains," "A Loop Around South Cheyenne," "Point Sublime," "N. Cheyenne Canon." These are published by Mail Trade Co. of Conn. and sent to me by the publisher of The WEST.

Other grand sets which cannot be equaled were sent by the Mail Trade Co, Stamford, Conn. One is the Valentine's series of twelve cards of interesting scenes on the Panama Canal. These are reproduced in the photochrom style, printed in Great Britain. The various scenes are as follows: —Section of the Panama Canal, Excavators at work, Panama Canal, Culebra Cut as it appears today, Panama Canal, Stone crushers at work on the P. C., Steam shovel at work, P. C., Another view at close range of gigantic steam shovel at work, Dredges at Terminus, P. O., Chagres River, Sources of Water Supply of high level of the Panama Canal, A street in Colon, P. C.

Quarters of Negro Workmen on the P. C.; A Panama Household and their home; Wash Day in the Canal Zone. These cards are simply grand, perfect in very way. Still another series from the same publishers is the Valentine's "Mezzograph" series showing beautiful art studies in colors. Sky and water effects of granduer as produced from celebrated painting, "When the Shades of Evening Close" showing a sunset scene on the waters; "The Day Dying Glory" "An eastern gale plays thro the shrouds and swells in every sail," "From wave, from wind and fortune's tempest safe ashore," "The Sweet Approach of Even" "From the deep they gather in their harvests." These cards surpass anything in rich coloring seen yet The glossy effects or mezzograph finish give them a natural hue. Very fine Easter cards were issued by the same firm also in the mezzograph finish. The little chick series or comic series were very humorous, "The Seesaw," "Steady Boys, Steady!" etc. The Easter lily series with biblical quotations are very fine.

A Collector's Idea--by H. C. Wilder

In spirit, and at heart I have always been a philatelist; for years I was actively one. At some future time. it is my greatest desire to again resume the active collection of stamps. The demands upon my time by stamp collecting forced me to temporarily give it up a year or two ago, at which time I became active in post card collecting, thinking that philocarty would require less time and eneryg. That is where I stand at the present time,—passively, a philatelist; actively, a philocartist. I aim to keep myself thoroughly uptodate and versed in philatelic events of the day, however active I may be as a card collector. Of recent date—possibly for six or eight months—I have observed a decided tendency for philocartic literature to be on the decline The current journals all seem to incline that way while philately, and other hobbies too, consistently hold their place I am sorry as a card advocate to note this downwrd tendency, occasionally bolstered by an article by the pen of a dealer, or possibly two. And it is reported that p. c. sales are constantly increasing all over the world. These articles inspired from business ends, lack the enthusiasm and are of a different kind than articles by an active collector. Subjects like methods of collecting, systems in keeping tabs upon exchangers, etc., are what interest the collector, and reader of philocartic publications. If such articles could be read month after month, the philocartist would be benefited, card exchanging would assume a higher plane, and casual readers of philocartic literature might have a higher opinion of the hobby of p. c collecting. In a degree, such articles would be doing for this hobby what the philatelic societies are doing for philately along the line of missionary work. There was a period a few years ago when this class of articles were abundant, about the time when p. c. clubs were first organized, but now they are on the decilne as I know every philocartist who reads at all extensively will admit. I think, you will agree with me here. Now, my object in expounding at this length what seems to me a danger, I hope you will understand, is not an inspiration of pessimism, but rather a danger that is prone to be overlooked.

I believe that a contribution or two to the current hobby journals would at least awaken a feeling that such a danger is possible if not probable, and incidentally call forth more articles of the right kind. If you will

have the kindness to print such a contribution in an early number of the WEST, I will endeavor to take time to contribute an article embodying my observations upon the subject. And later I would hope to be able to follow it with one upon some interesting phase or system of exchanging.

The 52nd monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, May 1st, President Virgil M. Brand presiding. The following members were present: Messrs. Verkler, Carey, W. F. Dunham, McDonald, V. M. Brand, Simpson, Leon, Blumenschien, Merrill, Chester Dunham, Holmes, Baker, Lewis, Mayer, Tierney, Kelly and Green.

Communications were read from Messrs. Cooney, Poilion and de Lagerberg. Albert F. Madlener, Wm. Bartholomay, Jr. and Jos. Lundholm were elected to membership. Mr. Carey read a paper on Modern Foreign Copper Coins. Mr. W. F. Dunham exhibited, by request, the Chicago 1804 dollar. Mr. V. M. Brand showed a proof $50 round Kellogg slug, Hawaii pattern silver dollar and gold $20 of Liliuokalani, and Indian mohur and divisions of Nepal. Mr. Holmes showed a $3.00 gold piece of 1854 D. Mint, and Mr. Blumenschein some U. S. freaks.

The following books were added to the library: Obsidional Coins by Maillet, 4 volumes; and Danish Medals by Bergsoe. Magazines received were: The Numismatist, Mehl's Numismatic Monthly, Philatelic West, Spink's Numismatic Circular and the Numismatischer Verkehr for April and Mehl's Monthly for May. Auction catalogues were received from Elder, Green, Hess, Kube, Mehl and St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co. The medal commemorating the 50th anniversary of the American Numismatic Socitety was received and placed in the cabinet.

Messrs Miller and Walsh were present as visitors.

Adjourned to meet June 5, 1908.

Ben G. Green, Secretary.

WILL KEEP POST CARDS CLEAN.

Washington, D. C. As a result of numerous complaints of postal and post cards being defaced by the postmarking, the Postmaster General has ordered discontinuance of the postmarking of cards at the office of address. The postal card fad has reached enormous proportions, and the new ruling is expected by postal officials to be received with delight by the thousands of collectors.

The office address is stated to be the office at which the mail is received, not the sending office. Post offices have been stamping the "receiving" time on the address side of the cards instead of on the back, as in the cases of letters, and it has been found that in some cases cards properly faced for "back stamping" have been defaced by ink from the roller in the machine.

An Ancient Book. A descendant of the ancient Babylonians, Mrs. Anne Najaran, of Nashua, N. H., has in her possession a book written in the language of the race and supposed by her to be dated many years before the Christian era. The book is thirteen inches long, eight inches wide and five inches thick. The covers are made of black walnut covered with leather. The leaves of the book are not of paper, but are made of some kind of skin.

Curious Wallpaper.

By F. E. Halbert

A RELIC OF REVOLUTIONARY DAYS.

The walls of the parlor in our local hotel are papered in a very curious manner. It is on small sheets about 16x20 inches and each sheet is a small section of a vast picture covering the entire side of the room. Each side contains a different picture They are in black and white and appear to be well executed wood cuts. These large scenic views give a rather peculiar effect to the room.

What an ideal paper to cover the walls of a curio collector's den. This room may have been used for some such purpose in years gone by, and although this paper is now where it was placed over 100 years ago, it shows but little signs of its age. The present proprietor had the paper recently varnished to preserve it.

What a task it must have been for the paper hanger who did the work. It seems that it must have been worse than putting together a large childrens' puzzle picture. The work was well done, and one has to look sharp to see where the sheets join. History does not mention it, but the writer was informed by one of our reliable local collectors that this paper was secured ay a French privateer during the revolutionary war. Our great and only, P. T. Barnum is credited with being the first to conceive the idea of a picture that should be larger than one sheet of paper, or rather, one that required more than one sheet of paper on which to print it. He had considerable difficulty in finding anyone to undertake such a task.

This wall paper shows that the idea was utilized long before P. T. was born.

Sarah Orme Jewett, the noted authoress, who lives not far from the hotel is said to have one room in her residence papered in a like manner.

When one considers the time, and the condition of the mechanical arts when this paper was made it must have been pretty expensive.

There are no dates on the paper, but it must have been made as early as 1790, or not far from that date.

CANADA'S NEW COINAGE.

The new copper and silver coins for Canada are now in general circulation, and are the first to be minted in the Dominion. The new Ottawa branch of the Royal Mint was opened by Earl Grey on Jan. 2nd, and the machinery set in motion, the first coin to be turned out being a silver 50 cent piece. The dies of the copper one cent piece were then started. The denominations minted are:—Copper, 1 cent; silver, 5 cents, 10 cent, 25 cents; gold, 5 dollars. Mr. Fielding, the Minister of Finance has announced in the Ottawa House of Commons that it is intended shortly to issue a 10 dollar gold piece. According to the "Numismatist," gold coins of the same denominations, designs, weight, and fineness as gold coins made at the Royal Mint in Enlgand, are to be produced at the Ottawa branch, and after separate inspection these coins will pass current in England as if coined there.

Suggestions and ideas are always welcome.

QUEER OLD POTTERY

Grotesque Vessels Unearthed in South America

By Ray Murray

Author of "Crown Jewels of Russia," "Tales of the First Empire," "Heroes and History of the American Navy," etc., etc.

Beneath the soil of the great South American Republic of Columbia, there has just been brought to light some remarkable buried treasures in the line of curious animal shaped pottery, each incised and made of black clay. These specimensa are perhaps the the only vestiges left of the vanished empire of the Chibewas, which flourished in this region in pro-Spanish times. The American Museum of Natural History has acquired these discoveries, and curator Charles Mead is arranging them for exhibition. The find consists of nearly 200 black pottery vessels, with deep incisions fantasticlly molded to represent animals common to that region and some mythologocal ones, with a few human portrait pieces. This unique collection of black ware, the first to be seen in this country, is said to be the finest extant.

These grotesque pottery vessels, many of which contained fine golden ornaments, were votive and mortuary offerings placed in the graves along with the bodies of the dead. The collection was found in the Cauca river valley, Columbia, about one hundred and fifty miles from the Pacific ocean. This stream is one of the tributaries of the Magdalena. The pottery was unearthed by some of the Indian placer miners who now carry on the business of sluice washing at the ancient burial grounds of their ancestors to obtain the golden objects which are sold only for their metal.

The Cauca valley, in pre Spanish times, was the domain of the Chibcha nation, which for hundreds of miles along both banks had established fairly advanced and flourising civilization. A retinue of chiefs with one leader, administered the government. Next to the Aztecs and ancient Peruvians, or Incas, they are classed third in the list of aboriginal races as to culture. The rest of Columbia was inhabited by other independent tribes living in lower stages of enlightenment. The Chibchas and their neighboring tribes have disappeared entirely. Between 1536 and 1540 the Spaniards conquered the Chibchas and took possession of their territory.

The Chibcha left no written language, and the Spanish manuscripts which have been preserved, give only fragmenarty information, so that nearly all the knowledge of this people is due to their handicraftsmen. The great abundance of gold and the lavishness of display which flourished among the people and their skill in fashioning this metal into striking shapes is clearly shown by the numerous personal ornaments, statuette and ceremonial object rescued from their burial places. Instead of sacrificing the living animals, on some occasions figures of soild gold representing them were buried as offerings to the God of War. Most of the gold specimens are handsome and massive and were used largelv as ear, lip, nose and breast ornaments.

One of the highest prices realised recently for Greek and silver coins was a medal of Syracuse bearing the head of Persephone, which was sold at London a few days ago for $180.



EDITOR'S NOTE. The editor of this department would like to receive papers, magazines, books, etc. dealing with the subjects of Archeology and Conchology for review; also would appreciate clippings or accounts of discoveries along the lines of Indian relics and shells. Proper credit will be given. Address, W. Straley, Comanche, Texas.

Bulletin 35, Bureau of American Ethnology, "Antiquities of the Upper Gila and Salt River Valleys in Arizona and New Mexico," by Walter Hough, has been received. It is an exhaustive treatise of 89 pages, 11 plates and 51 figures by this well known member of the Bureau and will be of much interest and value to the student and collectors.

Volume XV. of the Proceedings and Collections of the Nebraska State Historical Society is to hand, and is a nice book of some 422, cloth. The contents are as follows: Officers and office staff; Letter of Transmittal; Twenty-one historical addresses by members of the Society; Unveiling of the Thayer Monument, Wynka Cemetery: Proceedings of the Society—24th to 31st annual meetings; Museum catalogue; Newspapers received by the Society; Legislative acts affecting the Society; Constitution and by-laws; Publications of the Society. The report of the Archleologist for the years 1906 and 1907 is of especial interest to the collector of relics in Nebraska.

The following article on "Hunting Indian Relics in Connecticut" is from the pen of Mr. R. M. Lane, 25 Grove St., Great Barrington, Mass:

"Sitting in the hotel one evening, two strangers moved up to me and held out a few Indian arrows, saying. "What do you think of those?"

I was at once interested, when one showed me about 30 he said he had found that day, and I accepted an invitation to spend a day hunting them. He spoke to me not knowing that I was interested and was a collector. He said he was spending his vacation that way, for a few days.

We don't find arrows and other relics in the eastern states so plentiful as in the west, nor in such quantities in a place, because there are so few known burial places and they cannot be dug into and destroyed. My newly made friend, Mr. Weston, had been a collector for several years and knew where to look and how to look for them.

By walking thoroughly over the field where the relics had been previously found and where there were lots of chips from arrows, we found about 25 to 30 apiece each day. We turned over every stone that looked like an arrow and also found one or two stone spades and gouges. Mr. Wpar- also found a fine pestle. We probably covered a territory of 30 acres e fmperfect arrows we did not save.

The arrows were mostly of white quartz, not large, but we found many

black and gray flints, nicely chipped.

The scene of our operations was a mile or more back from the Housatonic river, in fact several miles in certain places. Along the Housatonic river are still to be found traces of Indians and their works. It is a wonder to me that the chips and arrows are scattered over such a large area.

There is an old Indian burying ground not far from the river, also a pile of stones, said to have been left there by the Indians in their journeys that way. There is also another place on a high dry sandy knoll. half a mile back, where several squares are formed by laid stones as if for some purpose. The old residents say they were used by the Indians for a camping ground and were laid around their tents or tepees.

This is in the vicinity of New Milford, Conn., and before taking our departure we were able to buy a few small lots of Indian relics from farmers and others who had picked them up.

Although I have changed and collected minerals and Indian reiles for several years, it was the first real collecting trip for arrows I ever had taken and I was very much pleased and interested. A few days later, a few miles north from there, I found two fine gouges and several arrows, part of a pestle and some fine red jasper chips, but in another town.

Later I will write something of the history of this locality, the names of Indian tribes, etc. I would like to hear more about locatiles in New England and the eastern states.''

The ''Bank of Selma'' was established in 1857 under a special act of the State Legislature, with a Capital of $300,000 based upon Gold and Silver with Washintgon M. Smith its first president, and Charles Lewis, cashier. This bank had the right to issue bills for circulation. At the commencement of the War Charles Lewis was its president and Ro Lapsley its cashier. This bank was sound and solvent, but like all banks in the south its capital and surplus was invested in Confederate Bonds and upon the fall of the Confederate Government he bank became insolvent.

I have been told that the Confederate officers learning there was gold in the Bank of Selma and the Commercial Bank of Selma sent soldiers to Selma and forced the officers of the Bank to exchange the gold for Confederate money and bonds.

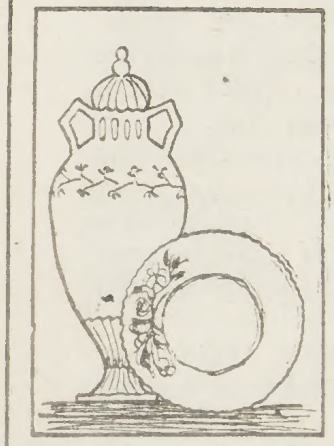
Hardy's history which I have before me says that all bills were redeemed, but this I know is not the case as I hvae seen some of them.

Washington M. Smith, the first president was the father in law of H. A. Herbert, who was Sec'y of the Navy under Cleveland.

Charles Lewis, the first Cashier and afterwards its president was the Charles Lewis and Company, Bankers who in 1862 issued bills I have two of these bills at the present time in my collection. This bank also broke. Selma, Ala., is what is known as the Black Belt of Alabama, named originally for the color of its soil, but on account of the richness of the soil, soon became a large slave owning section and since the war is called the Black belt on account of the large Negro population, over five negroes in this Dalmenty to one white person.

Selma was the home of Vice president William R. King, who named the town and was one of the first incorporators.

R. L. Dietrick, dealer in Paper Money, Lorraine, Va.





ODDS AND ENDS





The celebrated Rubens' ceiling in Whitehall Palace, now the Museum of the Royal United Service Institution, has been restored, and inspected by the King, who has taken a great interest in the work of restoratoin. The Museum is now opened to the public.

At the sale of Mr. Rome's London collection of antiquities dispersed recently, a fine half suit of fluted armour of early sixteenth ceutnry workmanship, stamped with the Guild mark of Nuremberg, realized $1225.

A new memorial clock with chimes is being placed in the parish church of Brodsworth, near Doncaster. This new clock will replace one of the oldest clock in England, which only indicated the time by the hour hand, the minutes having to be guessed. Very few of these clocks, the frame work of which is made of wood and iron, now exist.

Sporting prints seem to be selling well, and there is quite a demand for both sporting colour prints and books. Old coaching prints are also much in demand; several fine examples have recently been offered in the London salerooms, and among them several bargains have been picked up.

Old silver continues to fetch good prices, but some of the large specimens go relatively cheap. By the way of illustrating the difference in value between large and small pieces, we may mention that a Queen Anne two handled porringer was sold last week for $175; at the same sale a massive antique candelabra of the same period, weighing 144 ozs , was sold at $240.

Tea caddies always sell well. Three small silver specimens in a leather case were sold recently for $330 the total weight of the three being only 27 ounces. At the same sale a seal topped spoon realized $20, and a rat tail of the Queen Anne period $23.

Antique leather black jacks are not often offered for sale but a small specimen with a silver band round it was sold last week in London at a sale of curios for $6,—a very moderate price as these things go.

As an instance of the present day value of old color prints, at the trial of Tobias Bernard, for the theft of a color print from the Green Mana Hotel, Whitechapel, it was stated that the print was worth $75. The picture

had been disposed of for $30 to an antique dealer, who doubtless knew something of its value.

A second brass coin of the Roman Emperor Hadrian, who died A. D. 138, has just been found in splendid preservation near Winchester. On the reverse is a twelve oared galley filled with soldiers. while standing on the prow of the vessel, one of the soldiers holds a standard. In the same locality several interesting finds of Roman pottery have been found,showing that the district is evidently well worth exploring.

An inventory of the ancient and historical-monuments in Scotland is to be made, and a commission has been appointed to procure authentic records of the civilization and conditions of the life of the people in Scotland from the earliest times up to the year 1707 when the Act of Union was passed.

The number of curio dealers appears to be on the increase, and according to the Dailies, women dealers make capital curio sellers. Already several ladies have built up important businesses in the curio world

One of the most interesting mummies now on view in the British Museum is that of a lady, one of the priestesses of Amen-Ra,at Karnack. The face is covered with a casing, which has the portrait of the priestess, and is thickly overlaid with gold, the eyes and eyebrows being inlaid with obsidian.

At Edinburg, a short time ago, a rare old Queen Anne double handled cup,of plain design,with London Hall Mark,dated 1708,was sold for $1378.50.

In a recent sale at London a collection of cream jugs by the late Henry Lawson was an interesting feature. They ranged in dates from 1730 to 1803, and were sold at prices varying from $150 to $8.

A rare group of naval medals sold recently in London for $350. It consisted of the V. C., the Legion of Honour, and five Crimean medals. At the same sale one of the most costly lots was a New Zealand Cross awarded for gallantry at the siege of Ngatapa.

At an important sale of old china in England, some fine specimens of Crown Derby, Chelsea, Worcester and Spode, forming the property of the late Mr. Charles Skidmore of Bradford, was dispersed.

An autograph letter signed by Lord Nelson, in his usual form, "Nelson and Bronte," was sold recently for $400 to a private buyer. The document contained instructions in reference to one of the ships of the rear squadron in the battle of Trafalgar.

An important collection of relics from the Highlands and also from the Islands of Scotland will be on view at the forthcoming Edinburgh Exhibition. Highland relics and curios always interest collectors, many of them being curious and almost barbaric in their decoration.

One of the treasures recently found in the Valley of the Tombs of the Kings at Thebes is an exquisite ring of open gold work, forming the names and titles of Rameses II. Many gold rosettes,also found in the same tomb, were probably attached to the dress. A number of small figures of Seti. Apis, lions and other animals were also found. The collection of Egyptian curios is an interesting hobby, and one which is coming into fashion. for quite a number of these interesting relics can be purchased for a trifling sum.

A Kolumn for Kansas Kollectors

By George J. Remsburg

The head of this column spent a day of archaeological fieldwork in the valley of Owl creek, about seven miles southeast of Atchison, recently. Owl creek is a pretty little stream flowing into the Missouri river and was once the scene of an Indian village. During the past seventeen years we have gathered a large amount of archaeologic material along this stream, and while the suppply has greatly diminished, we found on the occasion aforementioned (April 24), a number of flint arrow and spear heads, scrapers, knives, hammer stones, pot shards, and other specimens. The most perfect object found was a small flint arrowpoint, or what is commonly called a "bird point." It is one of the finest specimens of the kind we have ever found in this region. Most of the objects were found on a small tract of freshly plowed ground which had never been under cultivation before. On a high hill overlookng this village site are two ancient Indian mounds which we explored in 1891 and which were described in the WEST several years ago under the caption of "Crematory Mounds on the Missouri."

We are indepted to Mr. Samuel P. Hughes, a well known Nebraska archaeologist, for several pre-historic human bones taken from the famous Gilde mound' on Long's Hill, near Omaha. This mound has become world famed because of the discovery therein of the remains of a pre glacial race, or what is termed the "Nebraska Loess Man." This great discovery was made by Prof. Robt. F. Gilder, of Omaha, in October 1906 Prof. Gilder has kindly furnished us a copy of his very excellent paper, "Recent excavations at Long's Hill, Nebraska," from the American Anthropologist, for January—March 1908. Messrs. Gilder, Hughes and Gallatin are doing a great anthropological work in this important Nebraska field. Besides developing the "Long's Hill" mound, they are on the trail of the Mandan Indians and are bringing to light a vast amount of ancient Mandan material along the Missouri river. Mr. Hughes has also donated to our collections some samples of Mandan and Otoe Indian pottery, and other specimens for which were very grateful.

Prof. S. W. Williston, of the University of Chicago, who some time ago discovered the large serpent Skeleton mentioned in our last "Kolumn," says that Western Kansas has for some time been famous all over the world for the excellent specimens of this skeleton. He says the chief interest is not in its novelty, but because of its perfect preservation. He states further that the finest collection in the world is now on display at the Kansas state university. The professor says: "The animals were in brief swimming lizards of great size, often reaching a length of thirtyfive feet, with fin like paddles, instead of crawling feet and a long, broad tail for propulsion through the water. They are found as far east as Ellis on both the Smoky Hill and the Salina rivers, and altogether hundreds of specimens, more or less complete, have been collected during the last twentyfive years."

The editor of this department will be pleased to have Kansas Collectors inform him of any finds, of interest along archaeologic, geologic, paleontologic, philatelic, numismatic, biblographic, and any of the other lines of collecting that they have made anywhere in the state, for publication in this

column. We want to make it one of the interesting features of the Magazine, and to do this we must have the co-operation of our Kansas readers. Due credit will be given in all instances. Address Oak Mills, Kansas

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ACUTE BIBLIOMANIA AT A LONDON SALE.

For a superb copy of the first folio edition of Shakespeare's "Plays," issued in 1623. the record sum of $18,000 was given at the sale of the library of Mr. W. R. van Antwer, of New York , in London. Never before has a copy of this rare work realized such a remarkable sum, the nearest approach being the $8,000 paid for the copy at Christie's rooms, seven years ago, which now rests in the Scribner Library, New York.

Possessing only a few trifling defects and encased in a superb red morocco binding by Bedford, there was little surprise when Mr Quaritch opened the bidding with an offer of $5000 for the precious volume. This bid was not to go unchallenged, the representative of Messrs. Pickering and Chatto raising the price to $5,250 which, however, his opponent immediately increased to $7,500.

Then ensued a spirited contest, the price leaping up until the previous record had been reached and passed.

"Eleven thousand five hundred," cried the auctioneer in response to Mr. Quaritch's nod.

There was no response, and all thought the battle was at an end.

A voice at the end of the room cried "Two hundred and fifty," and then it was seen that another Richmond had entered the field in the person of Mr. B. F. Stevens the American agent, who in the past has secured so many rare editions of the Bard.

AMERICAN AGENT OUTBID.

With a smile Mr. Quaritch resumed the contest, making $250 bids with determined persistency. Another pause ensued when $17,500 was reached.

"Come, Mr. Stevens," cried Mr Hodge, "you can't let it go."

"Two hundred and fifty," was the reply.

It was of no avail. Mr. Quaritch was there, evidently with the firm determination of securing one of the finest copies of one of the rarest books in the English language, and Mr Stevens gave in.

Altogether this wonderful sale, though containing only 243 items, produced the remarkble total of $81,755.

Almost the last lot to be sold was a copy of the first edition of Walton's "Compleat Angler," 1653 described by the auctioneer as immaculate. An extremely scarce book, copies have realized $100 and $2000, one in 1895 making $2075. The copy at Saturday's sale brought $6 450 The book was originally published for 37 cents.

Many other notable lots appeared in this sale, a set of the Waverly Novels practically as issued going for $1500, a copy of the third folio edition of Shakespeare's "Plays" making $3250, and a fine copy of Shakespeare's "Rape of Lucrece" 1624, realising $1750.

This last item, at one time, in the possession of Narcissus Luttrell, has his initials and the price which the book cost him (8 cents) on the fly leaf.



The Trenton Philatelic Society was organized January, 8th, 1908 , with the following Charter members present: Wallace Buckman, W. B. Housel, Edward Semon, E. A. Andrews and Alvah G. Clark.

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The following members have connected themselves with the Society since is organization: Theo. Meyer, H.V. Swallow, E. B. Sterling, George E. Poole, Mortimer H. Potts and Lewis C. Overton.

The drawing of the seal which heads this article was made and donated to the Society by the Vice President.

The Society has had two very energetic Committees, viz: By-Laws and Ways & Means. The former have completed their work of compiling a Constitution and set of By-Laws that are second to none in regard to any other Philatelic Society.

The Ways and Means Committee have ably performed their duties in procuring the cut which heads this article,stationery and auction sales slips, and last but not least in procuring and furnishing our permanent rooms at 118 Passaic St.

Previous to meeting in our permanent rooms we met at the homes of the different members at which times various entertainments were given by the host. The last meeting in particular, during the entertainment part of the evening held at the home of the President, the members were treated to an illustrated lecture on France and Spain, with several moving pictures particularly one of a Spanish Bull Fight interspersed.

The Society has a reporter and thus keeps the public well informed of the doings of our society through the press of the city.

The Society has at present bewteen ten and fifteen prospective members in view.

The Society desires to thank the publishers of this paper for their kindness in using his article.

We extend an invitation to any Philatelist who may be sojourning in this city or the vicinity to join us on our meeting night.

Yours for Philately,

E. A Andrews Secretary.

The majority of our readers have their lives before them; and it will rest with them individually whether they "arrive" or "founder." The boy with a healthy hobby is far more likely to develop his latent power than the boy who spends his time in "pottering," and playing practical jokes. First get a vision of what you intend your future to be, then elect a hobby, and whether you are at work, or employed with your hobby, strive after perfecton. That is the way opportunities come; and that is the way to reach your goal.



Indian Blankets

By Frank Hammond

Navajo blankets are more generally known and in greater demand than any other Indian blanket. Fine specimens of the genuine article, hand woven from pure hand spun wool by good Navajo weavers are among the very best blankets in the world, being truly artistic in coloring and design, serviceable and very durable.

The weaving of the Pueblo Indians, however, on the average is more uniformly good than that of the Navajos. The Pueblo blankets are woven by men, the Navajos by women, both of them using a very primitive loom.

No Navajo woman ever makes two blankets exactly alike, nor, as a matter of superstition, will she make a blanket perfect in design. The irregularity in design is usually so slight as to be unnoticable at a casual glance, but if you exaimne the blanket carefully you will invariably find a slight flow in the design. These blankets—the fine grade genuine ones, at least—are all pure wool. Yet in the earliest stages of Indian blanketry no wool was used, the blankets being made of hand spun cotton, as blankets were made by the Hopi (also called Moki) Indians long before the coming of the Spanish early in the sixteenth century, and it was the Spanish who first intruduced sheep. The Navajos were not the first weavers among the Indians, although now the most famous. It was, however, many generations ago that they learned the art of their neighbors.

A staple, but of late years rather a scarce color used by the Navajos is a peculiar and very beautiful shade of brown, secured by using the wool of their brown sheep, used wihout being colored in any way. Black white and a rich, bright but not glaring red are however, the three colors most frequently used. Indeed some weavers confina themselves entirely to these three colors. Grey, however, is also quite frequently used, as blue is, also. What we may call fancy colors, purple, pink, green and the like, are not truly Indian; they are usually found only in the poorer grade of blankets, and so made for sale only because some white men want them so.

The swastica,a symbol of good luck, of late so well known and popular, has been a favorite design with the Navajos for many generations. Another somewhat similar figure that is also a favorite is the ordinary cross with four straight arms, which represents the four cardinal point of the compass. Each detail of the design of a blanket has some meaning; each figure represents something, as for instance lightning, mountains, the evil spirit or the like. Each color also has its special significance. In short, each blanket tells a story, is so much traditional folk lore if you but know how to read it.

PATTERN COINS.

A pattern coin is one that has not been accepted by the authorities at the Mint, and has in consequence never been struck for circulation. When a coinage was contemplated it was usual for the artist to submit several pieces of different designs, but of the same denomination for selection; those not chosen then became patterns, and only a few were struck. Often Medallists have made designs for coins unofficially. These are termed patterns and being rare are much sought after. A farthing of 1665 was sold recently for $35.



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EXTRA.

We are very sorry that our report did not get in the last issue. Our report was on time but the publisher was forced to go to press earlier on account of his leaving for England. By the way the Publisher is President of the Collectors Union as you perhaps know, and during his extended trip through Europe I feel safe in saying that he will be glad to help the members in any way by securing anything they may desire in the collecting line.

Our Vice Pres. Mr. H. C. Wilder of New York in a letter just received says, "Send large bunch of application blanks as am advertising the Union with my adds and expect a lot of members." Why don't you all do that way. It takes such men as Mr. Wilder to make a society. Do you want encouragement, well this ought to help a little. As a special inducement I am going to offer fifty fine post cards to the one securing the most members before Aug. 18. The one condition being the winner must secure at least five members. Is there not others who will give something to make this

contest worth working for. Show me that you are interested and I will see that other and better prizes are offered. Each new member counts one. Each renewal counts one. Nothing goes farther to show a society's progress than the joining of the foremost collectors. We are proud of our list and here are to be found the most widely known collectors of today. This issue Mr. G. H. Fabian,Jr. Pres. and manager of the Atlas Stamp Co., (one of the largest companies in the east) Brooklyn, N. Y. joins the Union and wishes us success. Below is a list of members whose names have expired. I find it impossible to write each one. Please watch this each month and send in your renewal. W. F. Stolberg, T. J. Uderjohn, Henrich Jung, G. H. Blakeslee, Loun Tillitson, Geo. Hughes. H. C. Hoyt, D. L. Passavant, W. D. King, Paul Mignon, R. M. McGill, W. Bailey, J. F. Lawson, V. A. Hurd, P. P. McKeel, U. S. Moore, J. A. Beck, A Iwan, E. Aspland, E. Jackson, F. Bernd, Miss Hays, F. Britton, Walter Speeter, H. Maple, C. Koch, W. H. Sedwick, L. A. Running. Henry Dieder, Lizzie Smith, Clare Snyder, Bessie Cline.

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New Mexico Mound Graves

By J. W. Mullens

There are many burial mounds in all parts of this territory. Mr. Dunnahoo and myself opened several in a search for pottery and Indian relics. In one we found 4 "metates" or corn grinders, with several pestles Also 7 stone tomahawks, some of them fine specimens, others that had been badly used. Some were of a stone that is not found in this section, and one in particular, of a black lava formation, must have come from old Mexico. We found a flint lance head 8 inches long and some arrowheads, two pottery cups, half pint size, a small square dish 2½x4 inches of antique Aztec design, two large executioners stone hammers, many pieces of broken pottery and corn bread that had been burned to a cinder, and the cakes still solid and unbroken. Also some ears of corn also badly burned but ears yet intact. About three feet below the surface we found adobe walls showing corners of three rooms, and in one angle parts of human bones and one skull. These bones crumbled at the touch. There was no metal of any kind in the mound which was some 60 feet long by 25 wide and 6 feet high. On top the mound was several rows of stones set on edge and regularly laid out in plats as if to mark a play ground or camp ground. The fineness of the soil on mound indicates that the west winds of many years have formed most of the mound by the drifting sand and dust.

I own the land on which is a large hill thickly covered with small mounds, and have added many specimens to my collection by pickups on the surface—mostly arrowheads, beads of broken mussle shells, polished quartz pebbles and three or four phallic charms. Some of the arrowheads are agate, hence the tribe came from either Colorado, Western N. M , or Old Mexico.

The executioners hammers have been used or their gruesome purpose and show great blotches of what looks like blood stains on them. There have been no Indians in this secion for 40 years except a few stragglers passing through.

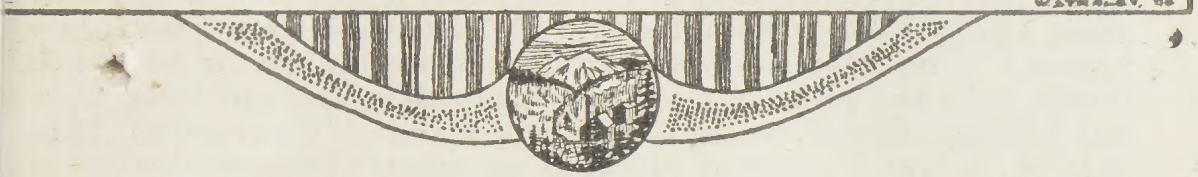
In a future article will be given a description of the burial of an Apache chief 50 or 60 years ago. told by an eye-witness—an old Mexican who was their captive.

Our Scotch readers will be interested in the "Old Glasgow" Exhibition now being held in Glasgow. Many quaint Scotch relics are being exhibited. The chief officials are appearing in ancient costumes. Beverages are drunk from old pewter pots, and the fare offered at the cafees is that in vogue in the fifteenth century.

Occasionally orders accompanied by remittance are sent to The WEST, without any name and address being given. At the present time we have half-a dozen such prepaid orders which cannot be dispatched owing to this cause. If this note is seen by any who have been remiss in this way, we shall be glad to hear from them.

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MINERALOGY



EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles, etc to this Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive Mont., will be answered as far as possible in this dept.—Forest Gaines]

Reports from the vicinity of Marshfield, Wis., indicate that rich iron ore deposits have been located near the towns of Sherry, Milladore, and Hansen, in that state. Mr. E. J. Longgear, a mining expert of Minneapolis, has recently taken options on several hundred acres of land in the latter towns. The options are taken in Mr. Longgear's name, and he will have full charge of the prospecting, but it is understood that wealthy and experienced mine owners of the Mesaba range are behind the deal. Undoubtedly, if the indications are promising, there will be no lack of capital for development purposes. One diamond drill is already in operation and several more will be installed at different points, where surface indications are most promising.

These deposits were known to exist, as far back as twenty years, and at that time, local capitalists organized, a company to do prospecting. Several shafts were sunk, thirty or forty feet, but it was finally decided that ore did not exist in sufficient quantities to pay for mining, consequently the operations were dropped for the time.

A new discovery in California promises to be worth millions to that state. Reports from San Diego County give the news, that phosphate rock has been picked up as float, near the town of Escondido. Samples have been forwarded to the state mining bureau of examination.

Heretofore, phosphate rock has never been known to California as a native product. North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida have afforded the greater supply of mineral fertilizers for the United States.

The surface indications in San Diego county seem to indicate large deposits. We have a valued correspondent, Mr. Albert Everitt at Escondido, and we hope to hear from him soon concerning these reports. If so, we will give something further concerning these deposits. San Diego county is quite rich in minerals of various kinds. Some of the finest rubellites we have ever seen have come from there.

There is a great variety of curious sights to be seen in the petrified forest, covering thousands of acres in eastern Arizona, but what is regarded as the most curious of all, is the natural bridge of petrified wood, concerning

which, many of our readers have doubtless read something.

The bridge is a huge, petrified tree trunk, spanning a deep ravine fifty feet wide. It is a mass of agate and jasper, overhanging the only clump of living trees within the border of the forest. Each end of the log is firmly fixed in shale and sandstone leaving about one hundred feet of it, either wholly or partly exposed to the elements.

Throughout the dim past, the tree has been spared as a relic of the geological past. In recent years, however the elements seem to have done their worst, and in several places in the huge petrifaction transverse cracks have appeared. The Government, fearing that this great natural curiosity would tumble to its destruction in the ravine, has recently had two stone abutments erected under it, thus making of it, a bridge of three spans. Many of our A. S. of C. C. members will doubtless have the pleasure sometime of seeing this great petrified forest, and will then cease to wonder that the Government should have made a National Park out of it.

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NOTICE.

The full address of member No. 78 is S. Kuzuhara, Tondabayashi, Japan. The full address was received through the kind efforts of the San Francisco and Belleville postmasters.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

35. Magnus Hansen from Thuresensgade 33 K to Thuresensgade 24 K, Copenhagen, Denmark.

12. Miss Ella Borgen from Littleton to Snyder, Colorado.

10. Wesley Fales from Hamilton Montana to Sand Point, Idaho.

CORRECTION IN NAME.

69. Should be Clarence Webb instead of Clarence H. Webb, Perry, O.

PUBLISHERS MISTAKES IN ADDRESSES.

76 William Huxel should be 315 East 65th St. instead of 31 East 65th St., New York City.

67 Theo Heyl should be 336 East 66th St. instead of 36 East 66th St., New York City.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

58. Frank W. Johnson, 793 South 10th St , Fargo, N. D., announces that he will be in attendance at the Modern Woodmen of America Tri-Annual Convention to be held in Peoria, Ill., during the week of June 15, 1908 and will be pleased to meet any of the P. A. S. C. C members who may happen to be in Peoria on that date or any of the members of the following societies: I. O. O. F., Macabees, M.B A., Loyal Americans and the N.A.S.C.

69. Clarence Webb, Perry, Ohio, will hereafter send first cards

65. John A. Parker, Jr., 1022 N. Eye St , Tacoma, Wash., will not be able to answer cards promptly until after Sept. 1st, 1908.

32. Geo. J. Rhein, Manchester, Wis., will exchange with foreign members only.

PRIZE CONTEST NO. 2.

1st Prize, Honorary Life Membership; 2nd prize, free paid up membership for one year; 3d prize one dozen colored view cards of St. Louis, Mo. To obtain first prize get five new members for the club, second get three new members, third get two new members. Contest began March 1st, 1908 and ends June 15, 1908

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

I wish to express thanks in behalf of the officers of this club to our members for the encouragement and interest that they have shown in this club. We are just eight months old and have over 80 members, which I believe is doing fairly well. We are not going to stand still but continue to make this club a better club and I beg to state that we are contemplating making some changes in our defence fund plan .etc.. which will be to our members advantage. Announcement will be made as soon as plans have been completed and in the meantime we will thank our membres for a suggestions that they wish to give that will enable the P. A. S. C. C. to be

come a better club.

Respectully,
Arthur Soderstrum, Pres.

Dear Fellow Members:—It is with pleasure that I announce to you that we are preparing to publish our Membership List No. 2. We wish to have at least 100 names for this list. Cannot you help us to bring the total membership to that amount? I also wish to state that those members who have changed their address and have not notified me should do so at once. We wish this list to be correct and without your new address we cannot make same correct. We are a little late in publishing this list but we thought it a benefit to the members to wait and get a more complete list before we published same.

Respectfully,
James A. Carr, Jr., Sec'y-Treas.

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The most curious postcard ever produced, according to a leading philatelist, was one which the Japanese government put out in 1873.

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President Roosevelt has been presented with the first medal struck to commemorate the Jamestown Exposition. President Harry St. George Tucker made the speech of presentation, and the president made a brief response.

The medal is a handsome plate of bronze, and will be prized by the limited number of distinguished men who will receive replicas.



..Camera News..

Editor—F. J. Clute, San Francisco



Postal Photographic Clubs

HOW TO FORM ONE—Taken from an English paper.
Continued from last issue.

Tapes are likely to get torn off, and more satisfactory substitutes are leather straps which buckle together over the edges: one attached to a piece of broad webbing which may go right round the top of the portfolio and fasten behind the back. It is important that it should be held firmly together so that the photos (which may be valuable to their producer may be safely preserved.

Inside the portfolio are contained the photographs sent by the members, a note book in which notes are written as the book goes round, and which forms the medium by means of which the Secretary addresses the members and finds fault with any little peccadilloes they may commit such as detaining the portfolio over its alloted time, not entering dates of receipt and dispatch in the notebook (in which spaces should be arranged for this), and such like matters. In the notebook should be arranged spaces for asking queries and writing replies, and for any suggestions, notes, or information which members may desire to note down. Discussions on various photographic subjects may be carried on in this notebook, being commenced by the Secretary and contributed to by subsequent members. or the Secretary may depute a different member each month to inaugurate a discussion on some stated subject, which must, as far as possible be one in which all can join.

One important feature of the Postal Club is that each photo sent by each member received criticism by all the other members, and members should be especially asked not to omit this duty, for thereby not only did they assist the member whose photo is criticised. but also the mere fact of writing a criticism of someone else's picture teaches anyone the faults to be avoided in his own, and it is one of the most valuable points in the training the Club affords its little family group.

For these criticisms a place has to be provided in the portfolio. This is done by coercing each picture with a large sheet of paper, which sheets are provided for the members when desired, by the Hon. Secretary. On the front page of each sheet of paper is a printed form, in which form spaces are left for detail vary in different Clubs, according to the taste of the Hon. Secretary, but they are usually more or less of the following import.

Name of member inserting print. Title of picture. Date. Time of Day. Exposure. Plate. Light. Developer of plate. Method of printing. Developer of paper (if required). Toning bath. Remarks.

There are other items that may be substituted for the above or added to

them as the will of the Hon. Secretary may dictate.

The remainder of the sheet is left blank,and on the back of it are written the criticims of members as the case travels round. If there is not room on the back they may be continued inside, but when using ink care should be taken not to get it on the photograph, or it may entirely spoil a valuable one which cannot be replaced

There are two systems as to the insertion of pictures in the portfolio. One is that each member shall send one or more prints to the Secretary each month for insertion in the current folio, the other is that each member may insert a picture and remove the previous one,as the portfolio reaches him or her on its journey round the circle Both have been tried on the Club of which the author is Secretary, and he prefers the first method, as in practice it was found that many members were unfortunately short of prints suitable for insertion whenever the portfolio reached them, and they frequently failed to remove old prints The system of sending prints beforehand to the Secretary has the advantage of enabling him to "drop on" any member whose contributions are too scanty in number,and a fine can be levied for defective energy in this respect, and for other defaults, as e.g., keeping the folio too long. The rules may be left to the founder of the Club. One should be that members must send on the portfolios regularly and not delay them, and another that any member leaving home must send his new address to the member before him on the list or to the Hon. Secretary in order that the folio may be sent to him while away and not delayed until he returns. If this is not done the portfolio may be kept for a month or longer while the following member is anxiously awaiting its arrival.

A date should be fixed after which no photograph will be received for the ensuing portfolio and a date after which no subscriptions can be received for the current year, any member exceeding this date to cease to be a member of the Club. Every member should be required to send a post card to the Hon. Secretary when forwarding the portfoilo, in order that its whereabouts may be known, and any delay checked. Postcards printed with the Secretary's address, and on the other side a form stating dates for receipt and dispatch, to be filled in by members, can be placed in the folio, if the Secretary cares to go to the expense of printing them for the sake of the greater certainty they offer of the members duly forwarding them. In any case printed labels should be supplied to each member, on which is printed a request that in the event of absence from home for more than three or four days the folio may be sent on at once to the member's present address.

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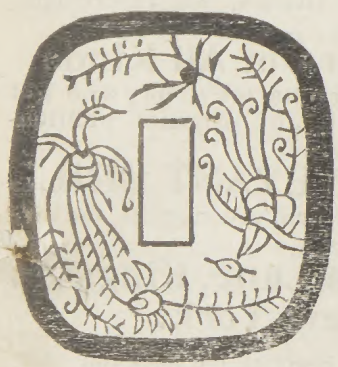
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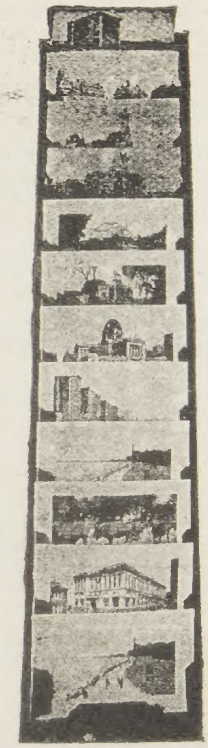
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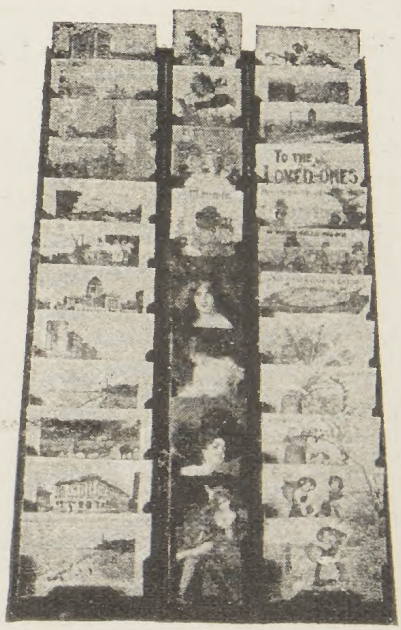
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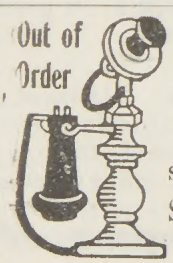
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THE KANSAS CITY STAMP CLUB

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 1905

Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at 8:00 P. M. in the Auditorium of the Dillenbeck School of Oratory. third floor of the K. C. Post Building, corner of Mcgee and Tenth Streets. Visitors are always welcome.

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OFFICERS' MONTHLY REPORTS.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. June 26, 1908.

The ninth regular meeting of the Kansas City Stamp Club of the year was called to order at 8:15 p. m., Friday May 8, 1908 in the Dillenbeck School of Oratory, vice president Sutorius presiding in the absence of the president. The roll call showed the following members present: Sutorius, Nelson, Poindexter, Franke, Davis, J. Malcolmson, Foulk, Hayum and Louffer. The treasurer's report of the month of April was received and referred to the executive committee for auditing. Mr. Hayum invited the members to hold the next (social) meeting at his home and the invitation was unanimously accepted. The next meeting which occurs Friday May 22, consequently will be held at the home of Mr. Hayum, 3724 Baltimore Ave.

The resignations of Mr. O. H. Phinney and Mr Irwin H. Joffee were regretfully accepted. The matter of awarding the prize to the entertainment committeeman furnishing the best entertainment was postponed until the following meeting because of the small attendance. The meeting then adjourned at 9:31 p. m. to meet again Friday May 22, 1908.

The tenth regular meeting of the Kansas City Stamp Club of the present year was held Friday May 22, 1908 having been postponed one week from original date. The members met at the home of Mr. Arthur H. Hayum. The following members responded to roll call: Messrs. Nelson, Luther, Rouse, Davis, Woodward, D. Malcolmson, J. Malcolmson and Hayum. This being a social meeting and because of a very small attendance the meeting was of a purely informal nature. The minutes of the meeting held Friday May 8, 1908 were read by the Secretary and accepted without change. Discussion followed as to the advisability of continuing meeting throughout the summer months. Upon motion by Mr. J. Malcolmson seconded by Mr. D. Malcolmson, it was at length voted to hold two more meetings on June 12 and June 26, 1908 respectively after which no more meetings will be held until the second Friday in September. Due notice will be given members through the official organ and by postal of the resumption of the meetings. No dues will be assessed for the months of July and August but members will receive official organs during these months. It was decided to postpone the regular semi-annual election until the meetings are resumed in September. No further business being brought forward, two very interesting contests, prepared by Mr. Hayum were held. Mr. Nelson and Mr. D. Malcolmson, the respective winners were presented with quite substantial and acceptable prizes, the former in the shape of a sterling silver stamp case and

the latter with a sheet of twenty five very desirable stamps. A delicious luncheon was then served by our host. At the invitation of the Messrs. Malcolmson, the next (eleventh) meeting will be held at their home, Friday, June 26, 1908.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur L Nelson, Sec'y.

Getting Started Is Expensive

The one-time ad is a mistake. The man who inserts an advertisement in a publication for one time and does not follow it up with other insertions is very likely to lose the small amount of money the first insertion cost him. It is cheaper to keep going than to get started. The power required to start a train is ten times that necessary to keep it going after it is started. Similarly, the one-time ad barely overcomes the inertia, the result of even a tremendous force being visible only in a motion barely perceptible. When once the inertia is overcome and the thing is in motion, the application of that same force will increase its speed tremendously.

No man should start an advertising campaign who has not enough money to carry it through for a definite period of time. Old hands in the advertising business have reached the conclusion that a six months' campaign is the shortest campaign that could be carried on in a monthly publication in order to realize the full possibilities of that publication. With The WEST we believe that, for many advertisers, three consecutive insertions is enough to prove the profitableness of the paper and after these three insertions have been made, we find it a very easy matter to secure annual contracts thereafter. But a man who comes to us with a one-time order and wants his advertising to lapse after that one insertion is the hardest man to argue into an annual contract and is even worse than the man who had made no trial at all This is not because The WEST has not done him good for the first month, because a man who receives even a dozen inquiries from a first insertion should congratulate himself that he is on the right track. With even this proof of the correctness of his first venture, he should then put all the ginger and force he has at his command into a continuation of the campaign, both through the paper itself and through the follows up that is a necessary feature of every successful advertising campaign. The longer you stay the better it pays.

We are always glad to welcome advertisers to our columns who are willing to sign up a yearly contract Mr. John Lee Clark of Albuquerque, N. M., is one of our new advertisers this month who is on the yearly basis. He has a new and unique method of utilizing duplicates by exchanging them for desirable articles. Look up his ad, as well as those of our vast number of other advertisers.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

This is to notify all parties, and the pubilc in general, that I, C. E. Hussman, on May 5th, 1908, did sell and dispose of all my interests in the Stamp Firm, known as the C. E. Hussman Co , to Louis W. Bartel of St. Louis, Mo. The said Louis W. Bartel assumed all liabilities previous to, and since May 5th, 1908 and all accounts due the C. E. Hussman Co., are payable to Louis W. Bartel doing business as the C. E. Hussman Co.

Very Respectfully, C. E. Hussman.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



Questions relative to stamps will be answered in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included beside the fee above provided for.

L. G. DORPAT. Box 37. Wayside. Wis.

417. What are Precanceled stamps? Stamps overprinted in the sheet and before use with a city name or other marks, or both, and used on large lots of identical packages. They are not canceled in the mails and cannot be used except in large lots, I think, of 5000 packages, or more.

418 What are 3d class permits? Whenever anybody has a large number of circulars—how many I do not just remember, I think the minimum is 5000—to mail at one time, he can save the work of affixing a postage stamp to each and every one of them, by getting permission and a number from the postmaster to print on each of his circulars the words "paid 1 cent," or "paid in cash 1 cent," or "3d class paid 1 cent" together with the word "Permit" and the number received from the postmaster. The number designates the order of permits as granted Instead of "paid 1 cent" it may also read "paid 2 cents" or paid 5 cents" according to the rate for different weights Such permits are great labor savers, as they save the affixing of so many stamps and the work of cancelling them in the mail. Permits are not cancelled. They are as "collectible" as any stamped envelopes or stamped wrappers, but, of course they are a peculiar class for themselves.

352. Through the courtesy of Mr. Louis Desmarais, Jr , of Opelousas, La., we can list the following:

Merchants and Mechanics Bank, Leadville, Colo ,	check	1883 3d design
The First National Bank of Central City, Col . (variety)	"	1878 9 "
First National Bank U. S. Dep., Denver, Col.,	"	1879— "
Wilmington, N. C., The Dawson Bank	"	187— 1st "
St. Landry State Bank, Opelousas, La.,	"	189— 4th "

From Mr. Vanderhoof, Denver Colo , we have a nice copy of the Boston "Eagle and Monitor" design from the New Haven, Conn., Union Trust Company (1872) and a copy of Sterlings "C" from office of the Lehigh Zinc Company, Philadelphia, Pa., (1867). In the latter the stamp appears a little oxidized, as is frequently the case with the adhesive stamps of that time. There is no border around the stamp.

There seems to be a strong hunt for our design No. 20, Sterlings "O," or St. Louis design with a facsimile of the 2 cents copper coin The price offered for this design is $10 00 to $15.00, and some say it's worth $25 00.

From Mr. Prevost, Springfield, Mass , we got a nice whole document (Entry of Merchandise) with a $1 00 stamp, used June 12, 1872 at New York.

From Mr. Bain, St. Louis, Mo., and Mr Bartlett. Springfield, Mass., we received some of the tin-foil tobacco wrappers of which Mr. Levick of New York made a very fine collection many years ago. We may expect to hear more of these "tin-foils" soon.

419. Who can name a work that treats of local stamps used all over the world? Until now I have never heard of any work that treats all local stamps. All that I know of are treatises on the locals of certain countries

only, and I hardly think that the attempt was ever made to treat all locals of the world in any single work. By the way, the word "local" is used in two slightly different meanings. Before the time of the Universal Postal Union most all postage stamps were what we now call locals. i. e., they were good for postage and recognized as such in those counties only where they were issued. Now we call a "local" a stamp that has no standing in the U. P. U.

420. What is the value of a 3c U. S. envelope, Reay issue, with patent lines and a western frank? The Reay 3c cut square is worth about 3c both on white and on amber papers. What a whole envelope may be worth depends on the size, the "knife", and the condition of the envelope. The Western Frank may add considerably to the value, but in order to estimate that the exact type must be known. The best way to find out is to send the envelope with return postage to some expert, J. M. Bartels of Boston, Mass., for instance.--It is hardly possible to make an estimate of any stamp, unless one can see it.

214. Where is the Republic of Counani? It is claimed to be somewhere between Brazil and British Guiana, but both of these countries deny its existence. Messrs. Naerum & Van Der Chijs of London, England, offer 10,000 sets (6 varieties) of stamps from Counani for £250-0-0 smaller quantities at 7 pence per set, but they decline orders under 100 sets. They state that they received these stamps as a compensation for printing. Who ordered them printed and whether even an attempt has been made to use them anywhere, I could not learn. Possibly they are intended for raising funds for a rebellion and for the future establishment of a republic. Who can tell?

422. What is the new issue of Canadian stamps to commemorate, when are they to appear and what values will they consist of? If I am rightly informed they are to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the founding of Quebec. They are to appear on the opening day of the celebration, which some authority states to be the 3d of July. The values are not officially announced, but the Colonial Stamp News of Chicago states that they will be 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 cents, while a German paper gives a longer list obtained from a Canadian correspondent, including cards, envelopes etc. We shall know soon.

423. Are U. S. envelope stamps printed on both sides worth more than those printed on one side of the paper only? They should be, because there are fewer which show the color on both sides of the paper than which show the color on one side only yet they may be classed as oddities, such as misstrikes, doublestrikes, albinos and stamps out of position, and these have hardly any setttled value at all. It is hard to understand why oddities of adhesives (as inverted centers) should be worth so many dollars, while the oddities of envelopes go begging. It is merely a matter of vogue or caprice that for the one class of stamps there is a great demand, while the other class is hardly recognized. The day may come when favor turns in its direction.

The International Exchange Club F.C. Eigabroadt of Somerville, Mass., secretary and editor, publishes a monthly list of its members,—view card collectors. Dues $1.00 a year. List No. 2 contains 57 names.

Notes on the Fate of a Collector and His Treasures--By L. G. Dorpat

Mr. John Champion of Coldwater, Michigan, relates a sad story of the fate of a young collector and his collection. The collector is Mr. Lewis Thompson of Kendalville, who in the years prior to the Chicago Columbian World's Fair had formed a valuable collection of stamps, coins and curios and had amassed a large stock of duplicates while living with his father in the city of Edna Gorman and her letter chain which nearly swamped the little city's postoffice with letters and letters, bags and bags, loads and loads of stamps from all parts of the world. The invaild soon found more stamps in her possession than she could handle or store away, and quite naturally her young neighbors got interested in stamps, if they were not so before, and could help her assort her treasures. So did Lewis, or those who were his agents. In 1894, however, he accepted a position in a large department store in Chicago and had to leave his stamps and other treasures in the care of his father, Mr. Wm. Thompson, who, being a grocery store keeper, packed them away in a store room where all kinds of groceries were stored Some way or other the Kendalville youngsters got sight of the treasures and little by little picked out what they liked and mixed up and damaged what they did not like, or did not dare to take away, so that before the old gentleman knew it his son's collection was badly mussed up and partly robbed of its contents.

It is said that there had been stamps cataloguing as high as $150.00 apiece, but if they were not taken away they were scattered, or soiled, or mixed up with common continentals. Had Lewis been at hand, he might have rescued part of the stock in good order, but having traveled to Mexico his family lost track of his whereabouts and so the destruction of his collection went on. Finally his folks got word that he had died of yellow fever and that his belongings had been burned; it may be imagined that among his effects many a curious and desirable article perished, and with the news of his son's death Mr. Thompson's interest in his collection in the old storeroom perished as well. Yet the old gentleman had some idea that the stuff might be worth something and he offered it for sale to several dealers; these refused to buy, because the lot looked too disorganized to appear as promising much profits, until at last Mr. Champion took the matter in hand and began assorting what there was. He found that the lot was yet well worth the work, and he now offers in the ad columns of the WEST some of the good things that were yet contained in the mass. Thus it may be hoped that after all, at least a part of Lewis Thompson's collection may come to honor and that thus his name may be preserved from oblivion. By the way we see here how important it is to keep a collection, and a lot of duplicates as well, in such a place that children cannot muss them up and that every part may readily be inspected without turning everything upside down.

Have you seen the proposition of the Columbus Stamp Club to petition Congress to permit the illustration of obsolete stamps? Then do not forget to give your support to the movement. Our catalogues, our albums and our journals lack far behind in wanting these illustrations, whilst the publications of other countries have them.

Southern Philatelic Association

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To members of this Association who receive unsolicited selections of stamps, with no return postage are requested to return same by express "COLLECT" and send name of firm to Secretary

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT—APPLICATIONS.

1. Roger Q. Pease, 299 Conrges St., Bosston, Mass., 27, paper Mfg., Wm. E. Ault, Benj. H. Mason.

2. Frank H. Koon. R. D. 2, Auburn, N. Y., 33, Dairyman, W. F. Osborne, Frank H. Tupill.

3 Geo. H. Mitchell, 20 Trull St., Dorchester, Mass., 38, City Dept., Chas. Bamberg, H. S. Powell.

4. Henry S Adair, 108 N High St., Columbus, Ohio, 30, printer and publisher, R L. Doak, G. W. Linn.

5. J. R. Kimball, R. F. D. 2, Box 1, Fitzgerald, Ga , 17, student, S. C. Davis, W. F. Osborn.

6. Porter G. Perrin, Sanbornton, N. H , 12, student, J. Newton Perrin, Jr., Karl Longee.

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Fred G. Fuessel from 4417 Gibson Ave., to 4547 a Chouteau Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—RECEIPTS. June 15th, 1908.

On hand Feb. 23rd 1908	$21.30
Received from Feb. 23rd to date	17.30
Total	$38 60

EXPENDITURES

L. Brodstone for April West	$1.35
Mill Bros. for 500 letters	2 35
L. Brodstone for May West	1.49
To envelope for Secretary	2.00
Geo. B. Chase for 1000 application Blanks	2.00
Secretarys postage Feb. 23rd to June 15th	4 17
Total expenditures	13.36
On hand June 15th	$25.24

Dear Members:—Now that the ballots and proxies are mailed to members and in their hands ere this, I hope to see all cast their vote and leave their proxies with some one who will be present. So far the following have stated they will be at Columbus, O., July 21, 22, 23 and 24 and are open for proxies.

Clarence V. Webb, Perry, Ohio.
Albert R. Davis, 637 Jefferson Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.
Wm. H. Hollenbach, 325 Elm St., Reading, Pa.

Wm E Ault, Jeffersonville, Ind.
F. D. Goodhue, Cincinnati, Ohio
H. S. Adair, Columbus, Ohio.
R. L. Doak, New Bedford, Ohio.

It is my sincere hope that all members will endeavor to be present and we will insure you a week well spent, never to be regretted.

Five of America's most up-to-date Associations meet at the Southern Hotel on above date. DON'T FORGET THE DATE. DON'T FORGET THE PLACE, and last DONT' FORGET TO COME.

Blanks free to all for the asking. Let me hear and I will furnish desired information.

Fraternally, R. L. Doak, Secy.

The Ohio State Numismatic Society

June 20th, 1908.

The Third Annual Convention of the Ohio State Numismatic Society will be held in Columbus O , July 20th to 22nd.

Headquarters will be at the Great Southern Hotel where all sessions and exhibits will be held.

The American Philatelic Association and several kindred organizations will meet here at the same time and place, so there will be "something doing" all the time. The Columbus Collectors Club has invited the O. S. N. S. to participate in all the social affairs arranged for the American Philatelic Association and as far as possible to attend its sessions. There will be a smoker and "talk feast" rendered all delegates and visitors on Monday July 20th, at 7 30 p. m.

The first session of the Ohio Society will be held Tuesday the 21st at 1:30 p .m.

Addresses on the various branches of Numismatics will be delivered by collectors competent to interest all.

All sessions and exhibits will be held in the assembly room. top floor, of the Great Southern Hotel.

For any further information address the undersigned.

H. E. Buck, Pres., 125 N. Liberty St., Delaware, Ohio.
J. M. Henderson, Sec'y., 1312 E. State St , Columbus, Ohio.

The present season has shown a rapid increase in the market value of nearly all high priced stamps. Bargains in rarities are no longer to be had and even good cheap stamps are not in the market in quantities. The past month has shown a steady procession of dealers visiting one another s establishments trying to buy a dozen copies of this, that or the other stamp at a slight recession from catalogue price and instances are not uncommon when dealers have bought to sell at a loss to fill important orders. If we thought there was any chance of buying we should at once resume our oldtime plan of publishing a list of stamps quoting price at which we are willing to buy as well as sell. The indications are that the current year will show heavy rading and big advances on the prices of stamps. Old timers will recollect that the stamp business was never better than during the financial hard times of 1893.

Fiscal Notes

By F. A. Brown

I have had a personal letter from Mr. Vanderhoof, since last month in which he says the Florida stamps are not for feed but for fertilizers—please note

In the present (May) number of the stamp Journal of Denver, Mr. Nast, the Fiscal Editor, mentions a Missouri Beer stamp and says he has had the 2c on green and the 4c on Salmon—they probably represent my 7 and 8 as given in the January WEST of this year. Readers of the WEST will recall that I noted them in April and August Nos. of the WEST for 1906.

I have a new Texas Tag to note this month—by courtesy of "Mr. John A. Rosen of Texas. It is No. 11, and is in slightly different type from No. 10 and in the upper right corner is 272-207—1 Mil.

In my notes recently I gave only 11 numbers for the paper wrapper stamps. This only covers the main color and value, varieties and as there are really several more I will give the list as given by Mr. Levicks list:

No.	Proprietor	Location	Trade Mark	Denom.	Color	Paper	Die	Dated	
1	Appleby & Helme	New York	Prince Albert	2 oz.	Black	Yellow	B	9-16-1876	Plain
2	"	"	"	2	"	"	B	"	surch red
3	"	"	"	4	"	"	B	"	
4	"	"	"	4	"	"	B	"	surch red
5	"	"	Ironsides	4	"	"	B	9 5 1878	plain
6	"	"	"	4	"	"	B	"	surch red
7	"	"	"	4	"	"	B	"	"
8	"	"	"	8	"	"	C	9 16 1878	plain
9	"	"	"	8	"	"	C	"	surch red
10	Goodwin & co.	"	Old Judge	2 oz.	Rose	White	A	7-1-1878	plain
11	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	7 26 1878	"
12	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	8 28 1878	"
13	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	9-27-1878	"
14	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1-20 1879	"
15	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2-7 1879	"
16	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3-7-1879	"
17	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3-20-1879	"
18	"	"	"	4	"	"	B	2 14 1878	"
19	"	"	"	2	"	"	A	2-7 1879	surch in blue [horizontally
20	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2-7-1879	surch in blue [vertically
21	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3 7 1879	surch in blue [vertically
22	"	"	"	4	"	"	B	3-20 1879	surch in blue [vertically
23	"	"	Yellow Bank	1 oz.	Black	Yeliow	A	11-2-1878	plain
24	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	surch red
25	Oliver & Robinson	Richmond	Raleigh	2 oz.	Rose	White	B	8-8-1879	plain
26	"	"	"	4	Orange	"	"	7 31-1878	"
27	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5-1 1879	surch red
28	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5 5 1879	"
29	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	11-16-1879	"
30	R. W. Oliver, Agt, Suc	"	"	"	"	"	"	3-1-1881 [Act March 1, 1879	surch red
31	Pioneer Tobacco Co	Brooklyn	Golden Buck	2	Rose	"	"	10-28 1878	plain
32	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	10-28-1878	"
33	"	"	"	4	"	"	"	10-28-1878	"
34	"	"	"	4	Orange	"	"	8 13-1878	"
35	"	"	Navy	"	Blue	"	"	7-2 1878	"
36	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	8 13-1878	"
37	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	9 12-1878	"
38	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	9 12-1878	surch red

I would especially like to receive notes in regard to your Foil, Paper wrapper stamps.

At Kasatius near Kiew, Russia, a counterfeit stamp factory was routed by the police. 45,096 counterfeits were found valued at 3131 roubles. The 70 kopec stamp is said to have been counterfeited and used so extensively.



St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society

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Recruiting Committee	Geo. Wood, Chairman

The eighthy-fourth regular meeting of the Society was held at the usual place and time on Tuesday, May 26th.

President Myers was in the chair, and the attendance was good, sixteen members being present viz:—Anschuetz, Bain, Bollman, Chase, Cornwall, Hubert, Humes, Millhouse, Myers, Pokorny, Ritchie, Ruedi, Schoeman, Strauss, Voelker, Wood.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed with.

The application of Mr. Pokorny of 1339 Park Ave., St. Louis, Mo., was reported favorably by the Membership Committee and he was declared duly elected.

A communication was received from Wilcox Smith & Co. of Dunedin also a bill for $1 25 from Redfield's Puplishing Co for the Official Journal supplied to new members which was ordered to be paid by the Treasurer.

The Chairman of the Emblem Committee submitted several new designs with prices and it was decided to accept one of those submitted. Orders for the emblem can now be sent in to the Secretary.

The monthly contest was then in order and there were found to be seven entries of Denmark which must evidently be a favored country. Messrs. Schoeman, Hubert and Voelker were appointed judges. The following were the awards made: Strauss, 90; Wood 84, Delafield 81, Cornwall 80, Chase 48, Pokorny 35, Ritchie 25.

The President, to make up for his almost unpardonable remissness in not entering his Denmark—some one cruelly remarked that maybe he hadn't got any—gave a Limerick Contest for which he furnished the prize. It was as follows:

There was once a collector of Denmark
Who purchased a stamp for ten marks
How happy was he
Till he happened to see

Mr. Cornwall was conceded by all to be the winner with

"A counterfeit with a dirty pen mark."

another told us

"He was the original E. Z. Mark."

While a third contended that

"He'd been robbed by stamp dealing shark."

Mr. Cornwall kindly donated the prize to the Prize Fund.

An auction sale of several lots which netted a little income for the Society closed the evening's proceedings.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9th in Room 803 805 Wright Building at 8 p. m.

The eighty-fifth regular meeting of the Society was held in the usual place and time on Tuesday, June 9th.

In the absence of the President, the Vice President, Mr. Adelbert Strauss

took the chair, sixteen members being in attendance, viz: Bain, Chase, Cornwall, Delafield, Diamant, Hubert, Humes, Millhouse, Pokorny, Ritchie, Ruedi, Schellhorn, Schoeman, Strauss, Voelker and Wood.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

A communication was received from the United Stamp Co., also Editor Quackenbush of "Redfields"

The chairman of the Emblem Committee stated that all correspondence with regard to the matter had been handed over to the Secretary, and the Secretary read some correspondence he had had with the manufacturing firm having the emblem in hand and hoped to have a sample to show the members at the next meeting.

The entertainment of the evening was contributed by F. R. Cornwall who gave us a talk on "Present Day Collecting". In his opening remarks he said that Mr. Walter Bain in his recent talk had spoken about the "Old Time Collecting", the perforation, trimming, stick down fast, varnished-over age; as one of the younger generation he supposed he represented the uptodate collectors. He had been accused of being a Specialist, this he had at first repudiated, but if specialism meant studying stamps intimately and getting to know all about them then he was prepared to acknowledge himself a specialist. Mr Cornwall illustrated his talk with one of his British Colonial albums, showing many varieties, which we often read about but seldom see.

At the close Mr. Chase proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Cornwall for the very interesting entertainment he had provided which was unanimously endorsed and carried.

At the suggestion of Mr. Cornwall a resolution was moved by Mr. Diamant to convey to the Manufacturer's Association the hearty thanks of the Society for their courtesy in granting the use of their rooms for meetings. This was carried.

Mr. Diamant conducted quite a lively auction, quite a few lots being disposed of to the mutual benefit of sundry members and the Society.

CANAL ZONE SO CALLED "POSTAGE DUES."

Canal Zone provisional postage due stamps are reported, said to consist of the regular stamps with various types of "Postage Due" applied with a hand stamp Regarding these, Mr. Gerald D. Bliss from the canal zone says the following:

"You have doubtless noted the chronicle of Postage Due stamps of the Canal Zone and as you may not be familiar with their exact status will state that the stamps are simply the regular issue with the "Postage Due" lettering applied with a rubber stamp after the stamps have been regularly issued by the Department, and therefore the surcharge is more of a cancellation than a surcharge and I do not think should be treated as a variety, inasmuch as any other form of cancellation would be equally efficient. As far as this office is concerned, the stamp is applied as a cancellation and simply to save time in the delivery of the large number of Tax letters arriving from the West Indies."

Owing to a new post office ruling that all subscriptions must be paid in advance and that all subscribers who become ninety days in arrears must be dropped, we urge you to send in one dollar today to extend your subscription and thus make sure that you will continue to get this paper.

Beginner's Department--Brazil

By L. G. Dorpat

(Continued from last issue).

He was now both King of Portugal and Brazil. In 1821 he abdicated in favor of his son Dom Pedro and left for Portugal and who in 1825 assumed the title of Emperor of Brazil In 1831 Dom Pedro I. was followed by his 6 year old son Dom Pedro II. The country was now governed by a regency of three until in 1408 Dom Pedro II. was declared of age and assumed the reign, which he held until 1889 when on occasion of a rebellion he abdicated and Brazil was declared a republic. Dom Pedro II. in his long reign did much for the development of his country, but since his abdication there seems to be more uncertainty in political affairs though there is a strong probability of fairly sound development and progress, the immigration from the old world, especially from Germany, being rather strong and promising a valuable influence upon the politics as well as upon industry and commerce.

Brazil is philatelically remarkable for being the second country to introduce the use of adhesive postage stamps. Great Britain was the first (1840) and Brazil followed in 1843 (4 years before the United States), which betokens the alertness and enterprise of Dom Pedro II. Furthermore Brazil is remarkable for the great number of stamps it has issued for the cheapness of most of them and for the comparatively few surcharges found on them Considering these points, it appears that Brazil should be especially favored by collectors, especially by beginners. It requires but a moderate outlay to make a fair display of Brazilian stamps, and there is a possibility of completeness seldom found in countries with so many issues As an investment Brazilian stamps may be considered as good as any, because they have heretofore hardly received the attention they deserve, at least not in the United States If we compare the prices of today with those of 1895, we shall find that in many instances Brazilian stamps have made material advances, while the stamps of many other countries have dropped or remained the same in price during this last decade.

Before entering upon a further consideration of the stamps of Brazil I wish to state that in Vol XI. of the "Philatelic Journal of America" there is a fine article treating these stamps by C. Oltoni Viera, translated from the French by Prof. G. Reymond. If any of our readers can obtain this volume, they will find it well worth while to read that article. I shall quote from it occasionally in the following notes

To begin with, here is what Mr. Viera has to say about the cost of arms of Brazil: "In 1822 disturbances having broken out in San Paulo, the Regent (Pedro I.) left the capital to go and pacify that province. For some time the Portugese Court, jealous of the great popularity enjoyed by Dom Pedro, had been recalling him to Europe. Several times he had been on the point of embarking; once, being already on board a Portugese manofwar, he had been stopped by a delegation of the people, who begged him to stay. He could not refuse them. During his journey to San Paulo, he was everywhere received with great enthusiasm, and soon was on his way back to the capital. One evening after a long day's march, he arrived with his suite on the banks of the Ypirango and halted there Soon a messenger arrived from Rio Janeiro, all covered with dust from his long and rapid ride, he

handed the Prince a letter from the Court, announcing the arrival at Rio of several Portugese men of war and ordering him to quit at once the country, if he did not wish to be taken by force and brought back as a vulgar criminal. Dom Pedro assembled the officers of his escort, and told them what had just happened. On horseback, sword in hand, lighted up by the last rays of the setting sun, they all swore to defend him to the last drop of their blood. The prince then tore off the white and blue cockade which he wore on his hat and taking two leaves from a tree, one green and the other turned yellow by the heat of the sun, he placed them on his hat and exclaimed "Independence or death" Thas was September 7th, 1822, and these two leaves were the origin of the Brazilian colors: green and yellow. Having given the signal of independence, he wished to provide his new country with a flag and coat of arms; this was done by decree of September 18th of the same year." The setting sun gave the idea, and following is the description in the decree: "From this day forward the arms of this Kingdom will consist in a gold sphere on green field traversed by a cross of the Order of the Christ, this sphere shall be surrounded by nineteen silver stars on an azure scroll, the royal crown shall surmount the coat of arms, and the whole is to be surrounded by branches of the coffee and tobacco plants, emblems of the commercial wealth of the nation, represented in its own colors, and tied by a knot of the Nation. The flag will consist of a green parallelogram in which a gold square shall be drawn: in the center the arms of Brazil will take their place."

"By decree No. 4, of Nov. 19, 1889, was instituted the flag which symbolizes the Republic of the United States of Brazil. On this new flag, the coat of arms that was in the center of the old one was replaced by a blue sphere strewn with silver stars and traversed by a white scroll on which is inscribed in green letters: 'Ordem et Progresso' (Order and Progress)" "The coat of arms of the new republic is as follows: A star with rays part yellow and part green, traversed by a sword fastened with a ribbon, whose waving ends bear the inscription '15 de November de 1898'."

In this connection it may be well to draw attention to the arms and flags of stamp issuing countries generally. They come under the heading of Heraldry, a science which affords a very interesting study, if the history of emblems and the occasion and reasons for their adoption are taken into consideration. We can not enter into further details here, but a philatelist should certainly know something of heraldry, because in stamps appear many coats of arms or simple emblems having their particular heraldic meaning. Thus, for instance, the stars on the Brazilian flag are not placed at random, but represent the particular constellations called the Southern Cross which shines over Brazil every clear night and is full of meaning to all who are able to understand. At most stamp dealers sets of "the arms of all nations" may be obtained, but I fear these sets are partly antiquated, and the collector should by no means be content to get such a set and to paste it into his album; he should study the arms. To do so the best modern dictionaries and encyclopedias may be consulted and compared with any special works on heraldry, one of which should be contained in every public library. I shall try to give a little more attention to this particular subject in these notes than was done heretofore, especially as not all of our readers may have access to libraries and books of reference.

(To be continued)

Stamp Notes--By Oscar T. Hartman

TELEGRAPH STAMPS.

Under this heading come all stamps which have been used to pay the fee for messages sent by telegram. These stamps can be divided in three classes:

1. First, but partly under government control.
2. Postage stamps, which are used for postage and telegraph.
3. Government telegraph stamp. Issued for this purpose only.

Of the latter class I shall endeavor to write in this issue of the WEST. It is a field not much talked about Many governments have quit issuing telegraph stamps. Perhaps 1000, possibly 1100 stamps would make the entire collection. Not many issues coming out, in fact hardly any at present time. There are some that are scarce. The average price is moderate and outside of the Spanish possessions (of which of some issues are considerable remainders) and some of the Central American States, very few in numbers and a special country easily completed. Excepting the Spanish, unused copies are a good deal scarcer than used copies. For comparison I may men tion German Empire 1873 75 18 stamps, New, $16 25 Used $2.70.

Here are a few names of countries which have quit issuing separate telegraph stamps: North German Confederation 8, Austria 25, Belgium 18, France 8, Hungary 14, Japan 10, N. S W. 8 (very scarce), Prussia 6, Switzerland 15 etc.

As a concluding remark I wish to say that many of the high valued postage stamps are used by governments which control both postage and telegraph for both purposes, and are not always to be distinguished. But this need not worry you very much. With a revenue stamp it is different—they do not belong at any time under the postal branch of a government.

TO COME.

A look into the future, where the postage stamp will be a thing of the past.

Coming home from a stamp meeting, where quite a discussion about cancellations on envelopes was argued pro and con. I went to bed with this in my mind, so it is not wonderful that I had a dream where the postage stamp of the day had disappeared—that some inventive genius had made an apparatus where you stuck the letter in and off it went to its destination

It appears to me that a person was entering a store and stepped to some kind of machine, looking a good deal like a voting machine, with many different keys. Upon laying his letters on a scale, immediately a dial lit up with the inscription, "less than one ounce—Domestic 1c, Foreign 2c." Taking from his pocket a penny, he dropped it in an indicated slot, laid his letter in a receptacle below same, pulled a lever and the letter dropped in another box with a light shining on same, and he could read: Paid 1c postage, Denver, July 4, 1925, 6:14 a m Then I woke up.

Now, why not? The U. S experiments with stamp vending machines, so does Germany and also New Zealand. They only have to be improved so they can perform automatically the cancellaton, so it is only left for the mail collector to take them to the central station and send them on to their destination Ten to fifteen years will spell the exit of the postage of the present day. How will you like it?

Meat Inspection Stamps

By E. R. Vanderhoof

It would be interesting to know how many of our readers collect meat inspection stamps to any extent, or with any attempt at specialism.

Take for instance the small stamp of current use, bearing the Seal of the Department of Agriculture printed in orange in the center, over which is printed in black the general design,as well as the Establishment number. Many of the Establishment numbers are followed by letters of similar style – for instance, 2B, 2C, & 6K, 6L, and so on I find that a good many collectors stop at this point and collect only these Establishment numbers. In the lower left corner of the stamp is a small capital control letter, which will give us a guide for further arrangement. These letters vary with each Establishment, so that there seems to be a complete series for each Establishment as well as for the series formed by the Establishments, without the subdivision.

I can chronicle the following at this time:

Establishment	Sub. letters
2B	A x x x
2C	x x C x
6K	A x C D
6L	A x x x
18	x x C x
19	x B x x
20A	x B x x
133	A x x D
257	x x C x

These stamps go hand in hand with revenues, and I will be glad to receive and chronicle any that may be sent me.

If any collectors have any of them that they may not care for. I will be glad to receive them and chronicle them for the benefit of those interested. I also have some duplicates, and will be glad to exchange for any sent me.

If this article takes well with the collectors of these interesting stamps, I will be glad to take up other designs from time to time, and will give due credit to all collectors furnishing material and information.

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Reviews and Comments

By Verna Weston Hanway

The spring crop of journals "devoted to the interests of Philately" is fairly good. It may be that eventually, one of these aspiring acorns will grow into sturdy oaks, or broad banyans. I heartily believe in greeting these new-comers with smiles—they are ambitious at any rate—and every individual editor among the aspirants down at the bottom of his heart has a longing for the favor of his fellows And how, pray, are we to know of what stuff success is made if we remain forever, like "Will o' the Mill," philosophically in quiet and unaspiring ways Far better to make at least a timid try for it; "Vol. 1, No. 1" may be rather pathetic and rather ludicrous, but it's somethin !

Among these new publications, "Philatelic Flashes," edited by L. L. Dolson Geneva, Iowa, is perhaps the most promising Vol 1, No 2, is neatly and pleasingly printed on super calendered, and has some readable reading matter.

"Publico," published by Clyde & Biggers staff, Drexel Bldfg, Philadelphia, is also of pleasing appearance with some interesting notes. In this connection it may be well to praise the recent tendency towards a neat typographical appearance evidenced by some of the new comers Four pages neatly printed will create a more favorable impression than eight on cheap paper, and positively sinful in a typographical sense.

"The Swastika Tribe," published by the "Swastika Publishing Co., Battle Creek, Mich., is somewhat more ambitious in appearance,—inasmuch as it comes out with an attractive cover in white, embellished with a large scarlet swastika. It has, too, twelve pages of reading matter: fairly good for a first number. Picture post card collectors should lend their support to this journal.

The Stamp Journal, 602 Nassau Bldg., Denver, Colo The April number of this journal should probably be viewed as an envelope special, as the two most important articles relate to the United States issues of 1907 08, and "Albinos and Mistakes of the 1907 Series" respectively The former is a valuable article by Victor M. Berthod, copiously and cleverly illustrated, considering the difficulties in the way of adequate illustration imposed by

our laws. The latter article, by Mr. Nast, is also of much interest and the two will prove useful for reference. As they, from their character, cannot be quoted with justice ye scribe refrains from any attempt. "The Stamp Journal" has since its inception published some very valuable articles relating to United States postage and revenue stamps.

The "Esperanto Speaking Collectors of the World" in their well-written and attractive proselytizing literature furnish a commendable example to larger societies. It is dignified and convincing. From some recent announcements I gather that this society will shortly publish an official journal under the caption of "Philatelic Esperanto."

The recent embryo movement, to the end that an official journal be published by the American Philatelic Association, should be fanned and nurtured. The great need of philatelic America today is a serious magazine—one that would not suffer from comparisons with the leading British and Continental journals The A. P. A. by filling this want would attract to it persons who like to lend their aid to something with tangible benefits. It would reflect honor on itself, and in so doing on philately in America.

The American Society of Curio Collectors of which Roy Farrell Greene is President, with a membership of but five hundred has successfully published quarterly magazines of from sixty to one hundred pages; this too with annual dues of fifty cents. The A. P. A. with a membership approximating fifteen hundred, and dues more than fifty per cent larger should surely be able to rival this. Especially so as it would not have to face the difficulty of satisfying the requirements of collectors collecting along many different lines—of diversified interest. The A. P. A. is a homogeneous society The A. P. A. stands for American Philately, which is at present in an anonalous position,—why not rise to the occasion?

Redfield's Stamp Weekly, Smethport, Pa. Stamp weeklies are not exactly meat from the review editor's point o' view, as their contents are from the exigencies of the situation of a euphemereal, or newspaper character. Yet Redfield's editorials are usually well worth discussing, and one in particular that has appeared during the past month, gives food for reflection. Commenting upon the remarkable growth of the Junior Philateilc Society, London, Mr. Quackenbush pertinently expresses the sub-conscious thoughts of many collectors who wonder why we cannot have something of the sort here, and appropos remarks: "We believe that a master organizer of the Melville type could duplicate in at least one city in this country—viz., New York—the Junior Society's success in London. The metropolitan district supplies the natural field for an organization of that character—a field at present untilled, which we believe possesses great possibilities. How many stamp collectors are there in or about New York City? This is of course a difficult question to answer, even approximately. But we think it not too rash to say that there are fully 5000 persons in or near New York who are interested in stamps to the extent of spending five dollars per year on the hobby.

All of which is very true. By all means let us endeavor to have a society modeled along the lines of the Junior Society Association like the A.

P. A. and M. P. A. are all very well in their way, and of course fill a field which no other type could replace. But a large local society in, say New York, wherein the young and old in philately as well as in years could meet to discuss and aid one another mutually in philatelic ways, would serve philately in a broader more general manner. It would focus public attention; it would gather in that body of collectors, (which surely must outnumber others by a great majority) who would never join what might be termed the "correspondence" societies, that is to say those in which society affairs must be transacted through the mails Verily, if there is an American Melville —"a master organizer"—let him arise, and announce himself, that his confreres may do him all honor.

That enterprising society, the Metropolitan Philatelic Association, has recently given further indications of its enterprising character by issuing an official button, to be worn by members. The button is most attractive. The M. P. A. is the only philatelic society among English speaking people, with the exception, I believe, of the Junior Society, London, to take such a praiseworthy course. I shall take pleasure in mailing any reader interested in this society a booklet describing its purpose, and an application blank.

Rare Stamps of California

It is a curious fact that there is a series of United States stamps in which more interest is taken by foreign collectors than by collectors in this country. These are the California revenue stamps. They are collected by only a few specialists in the United States, but are eagerly sought by French collectors.

These stamps were issued under a law passed April 20, 1857, by the State Legislature to tax inland and foreign bills in order to pay the tremendous expense of government. In the early days of California's Statehood legislators received $16 a day, together with $16 for each twenty miles traveled to and from the Capitol. All other expenses of government were proportionately high on account of the profits offered by gold mining

The first issue showed an oblong tablet bearing the denomination and amount taxed in the center of a circular stamp nearly two inches in diameter, bearing the words "California" and "State Tax" at the top and bottom. On each stamp, according to the purpose for which it was used, appeared above the tablet the word "Insurance," "Exchange," "Passenger" or "Attorney at-law." Each stamp was surcharged with the initials of the State Comptroller, and all of the first issue were printed in blue.

They are all scarce and are valued at from $10 up. Neither the "Attorney-at Law" nor any one of the three passenger ticket stamps has been found in blue up to date, but it is quite certain that they were printed The scarcity of these varieties is due to the fact that the attorney stamp was placed on the licenses of attorneys when they were admitted to practice and these licenses were kept in the files of the courts, while the passenger ticket stamps, placed on both railway and steamship tickets, were destroyed in a short time.

The second issue embraced stamps of several shades of red, and a new series was added, in the bill of lading stamps. The latter was a trifle more than two inches in diameter and of design similar to that of the others.

The $200, $300 and $400 bill of lading stamps are the rarest and are val-

ued at $100 each. The $100 specimen is estimated to be worth about $40. The smaller denominations are not so much in demand. but range from $5 to $20

E. W. Smith of San Francisco, who has the most complete collection of the revenue stamps of California, has two unique specimens of the insurance stamps. They are of the denominatiions of 7½ cents for six months and 3¾ cents for three months as a tax on $100. These denominations were so small that they were seldom used, which accounts for their rarity. It is estimated that they are worth over $200 each.

From 1865 to 1872 the design of the stamps showed large Arabic figures in denominations ranging from four to eighty cents, while the stamps from $1 up to $56 were of unusual character. In the center was the value in large Roman numerals, a large dollar mark in the background.

The stamps of the last issue were rectangular and bore horizontally across the face of the stamp the denominations spelled out in full, with a large dollar mark in the background.

The gem of Mr. Smith's collection is a $19 red insurance stamp. This is the only one known. Just before the great fire, W. F. Greany, another California revenue stamp collector, also had a specimen of the nineteen-dollar variety, but it was burned up with the rest of the collection.

Mr. Smith came into possession of his rarity in an unexpected way. One day he bought for seventy-five cents from an old negro an insurance policy for $72,000, originally issued on a cargo of coffee. On this document was a long string of stamps, and Mr. Smith put it to one side with out little more than a hasty glance at it. Upon closer examination later in the day he found that the strip consisted of two one-dollar stamps, one of fifty cents, one of twenty cents, and one of fifteen cents, and then to his surprise, last of all, the rare $19 denomination. Three hundred dollars is a low estimate of this stamp's value, and the incident furnishes a fair illustration of one of the chief delights and possibilities of stamp co lecting.

The California stamps ceased to be issued in 1872 They embrace about 200 straight varieties but number about 2000 in all, when the various surcharges are taken into consideration.

What "Specimen" Stamps Are. The "Specimen" unused stamps of the British Colonies and other countries, which occasionally come on the market and regarding which various readers have inquired, are from sample sets distributed through the Postal Union, being the regular stamps so surcharged to prevent their use for postage. As only about 800 copies of each variety are so distributed, most of which are retained for reference by the countries receiving them, it will be seen that many of the "Specimen" stamps are much rarer than the unsurcharged. Specialists require "Specimen" sets to complete their representation of the countries issued, and many general collectors buy the high values as "space fillers" when the cost is less than that of the regular stamps.

United States stamps, surcharged "Specimen" are, in most cases proofs, essays or samples which have leaked out in one way or another except, of course, in the case of the Departments, those stamps so over printed being what were sold at face to the public while they were current.

United States Envelopes

1907 ISSUE.

One cent, green
White paper
Type A (wide D)
size 2
" 3
" 5
" 6 1894 wtmk
" 6 1907 wtmk
" 8
" 8 white line bet N & E
" 11
" 13
Type B (narrow D)
size 5
" 5 large head
" 13
Amber paper
Type A
size 3
" 5
" 8
" 13
Type B
size 5
" 13
Blue Paper
Type A
size 13
Buff paper
Type A
size 13
" " flaw in E
Type B
size 13
Manilla paper
Type A
size 6 1894 wtmk
" 6 1907 wtmk
wrapper 1894 wtmk
wrapper 1907 wtmk
Two cents, brown
White paper
Type A (small head)
size 1
" 2 bluish
" 3 creamy
" 4 "
" 5 "
" bluish, rough
" " surfaced
" fibre
" stamp light brown
" 7
" fibre
" 8
" 9
" 9 stamp light brown
" 10
" 11
" 13 bluish
" 13 fibre
" 14 creamy
Type B (large head)
size 3
" 5 bluish
" fibre
" period after cents
" period bet O & C
" C E joined
" creamy, snub nose
" line under E of United
" top of head touches oval
" creamy
" " left 2 touches oval
" " fancy A
" " bust touches oval, front
size 8
" 13 bluish
" creamy
" N I joined
" base of bust straight
" N T joined
" W O joined
" C E joined
" back of bust touches oval
" period over 2
" period under W
" fibre
" fibre, bluish, back bust touches
" fibre, bluish, line from T to ova
Amber paper
Type A
size 2

size 3
" 4
" 5
" linotype card
size 7
" 8
" 9
" 13
" 14
Type B
Size 5
" N T joined
" 8
" 13
" TWQ
" N T joined
" base of bust straight
" C E joined
" fibre
Blue paper
Type A
size 2
" 3
" 5
" 7
" 13
" 14
Type B
size 5
" TWQ
size 13
" back bust touches oval
" dot in oval left of left 2
" sharp nose
" period under W
Buff paper
Type A
size 2
" 3
size 5
" linotype card
size 7
" 13
" 14
Type B
size 5
" 13
" base of bust straight
Four cents, black
White paper
Type A (UR far apart)
size 8
Type B (UR close together)
size 7
" 8
" 9
Amber paper
Type A
size 7
" 8
Type B
size 7
" 8
" 9
Five cents, blue
White paper
Type A (long F)
size 5
Type B (short F)
size 3
" 5
Amber paper
Type A
size 3
Type B
size 3
" 5

It may be of interest to know that No. 360 of Der Philatelist, the official organ of the International Philatelisten—Verein Dresden, contains two letters dealing with precanceled stamps of Belgium, Luxemburg, Canada and the U. S. and showing quite a number of cancellations. In Belgium they were used since 1894. About Luxemburg more information is wanted. Canada and U.S. were mentioned in several previous numbers of Der Philatelist, so that from a file of this paper quite a number of items about precanceled stamps may be drawn. We see also that attention is paid to them in other countries. The writers of the instructive letters mentioned above are, Dr. May of Dresden and Mr. John Meier of 21 Davids Pl., Montreal. They would probably be interested in any new varieties.

Philatelic Societies

By L. G. Dorpat

The isolated collector must sooner or later, find difficulty in getting the stamps of distant countries, in applying his duplicates and especially in obtaining desirable informaton about stamps. One collector needs the other, and one profits by the other. Hence, from the earliest times of stamp collecting, collectors have sought communication and association, and hence sprang, in time, a great number of philatelic societies.

It may not be necessary for every collector to join a formal society; but it is necessary that every one have friends, correspondents, journals, books, and the opportunity to buy, sell or exchange: and all this, also protection against fraud, is most easily found in a well organized and properly conducted society. It appears therefore that it is to every collector's best interests to join at least one.

One of the oldest, largest, most influential, and undoubtedly the most aristocratic of all philatelic societies is the Royal Philatelic Society of London, with the Prince of Wales as president and the Earl of Crawford as vice president. To it belong some of the wealthiest collectors and most accomplished philatelists, and its publications, including the London Philatelist and a series of handbooks, are of the very best, treating philately seriously and in a scientific manner.

The Junior Philatelic Society with its branches in several cities is perhaps the next English soicety in regard to influence, but there are quite a number of other societies in England which do excellent work. The Stamp Collectors Fortnightly, which is the official organ of many of them, frequently contains reports from 12 to 20 societies.

The rest of the British Empire is also well provided with societies Scotland, Canada, Victoria, New Zealand, India, Transvaal etc, etc., all have their quota, even British Guiana has its society that does its share in collecting stamps and improving the knowledge of stamps.

Other countries, as France, Italy, Spain, Austria, Holland, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Hungaria, Russia, Poland, Luxemburg and Belgium, may not have as many societies, comparatively, as the English speaking countries, but they all have them and some are doing excellent work. The Sveriges Filatelist Focening with its Svensk Filatelist Tidskrift and its Sveriges Frankotecken deserves special mention, but we cannot mention all and everything here that is good or creditable.

Mexico, Central and South America seem less well provided with stamp societies, but they are not quite wanting even there. We may mention La Sociedad Filatelica de Colombia (Bogota), La Sociedad Argentina (Buenos Aires) and La Sociedad Filatelica Mexicana (Mexico), but there must be others whose names and locations I do not recollect. Perhaps some of our readers can supply the information.

Germany occupies a unique position with its Vertrauliches Korrespondenz Blatt, the official organ of 155 stamp societies, six of which have a number of branches. The Internationaler Philatelisten Verein, Dresden, has such at Aachen, Baden-Baden, Bavaria, Berlin, Bremen, Breslau, Bruxelles, Chemnitz, Coelna Ph., Darmstadt, Frankfort a M., Giessen Gorrlitz, Greiz, Gimma, Halle a. S., Heidelberg, Hildesheim, St. Johnann—Saarbrruecken, Karlsbad, Kiel, Kjobenhavn, Leipzig, Liege, Magdeburg, Haum-

burg a. S., New York, Niederlande, St. Petersburg, Sachsische Schweitz, Strassburg o. E., Trier, Wiesbaden and Zillan. From the names of these branches it will be seen that the influence of the Dresden Society extends far beyond the limits of the German Empire. Nevertheless Germany seems to be the country of philatelic societies. Berlin alone has at least eight societies, and there is hardly a city of note that has not one or more. Some of them are, of course, of not very great importance, but some are doing work that is nowhere excelled, as the reports in the V. Korr-Blatt testify.

The 155 societies represented by this journal are to about one fourth situated outside of Germany, but there are a great many others in the "Reich" which are not represented by this journal. Nowhere else was it possible to bring so large a number of societies into cooperation as here, where a sort of philatelic clearinghouse has been established.

As to American societies, the most dignified and influential is the American Philatelic Association, organized Sept. 14th,1886 and incorporated under the laws of the State of Minnesota with a capital stock of $10,000.00. It has now about 1500 members. Its official journal is Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News (Boston), and it publishes also a Year Book. There are branches at Chicago, Pittsburg, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Omaha, Kansas City, Denver, Milwaukee and other places The association has a large library deposited in the Carnegie Library at Pittsburg, Pa., and offers its members many advantages, one of which is the use of the Sales Department.

Among the local American societies the Boston Philatelic Society appears to be the most prominent. There is however, quite a large number of them scattered over the Union, as their official organs, The Philatelic West, and Redfield's Stamp Weekly testify. The Southen Philatelic Association next to the A. P. A., is the largest in the U. S. The Canadian Philatelic Society is the largest and oldest of organizations.

Before I close my survey of philatleic societies I would like to mention the Cosmopolitan Correspondence Club,home office at Milwaukee; it is strictly speaking not a philatelic society but it includes in its membership (about 4000) a large number of stamp collectors in all parts of the world and it is now arranging a stamp sales department under the direction of Mr. Lucas Van Toor, assistant chief of the Milwaukee fire department Its official quarterly,The Globe Trotter,has a special department for stamps and stamp matters

As far as my observations go, a stamp society will assure its success by attending strictly to stamps and avoiding suppers, picnics and similar diversions The ability of its officers counts for much too, as does the honesty of every single member, but the main stay is the sincere devotion to strictly philatelic matters, for what collectors seek most when they join a society and what they miss most when they fail to find it, is an opportunity to get good stamps at reasonable prices and to increase their philatelic knowledge; oysters and music can be found elsewhere and perhaps better than in a philatelic society. As consolidation and cooperation are in the air at the present time, I may be permitted to suggest a confederation of all the societies in the world. It need not be a very close confederation. If it will but enable every member of every society to communicate with every member of every other society and to have access to the fruits of the labor of all, that is quite enough for a while. Why not take the Germans and their Vertr. Korresp, Blatt for an example?

Resolutions

Whereas, the Science of Philately in the United States is seriously handicapped and American students of stamps are put to great inconvenience by the statutory inhibition of the illustration of United States stamps; and

Whereas, it is the belief of stamp collectors generally that the educational advantages of the illustration of United States stamps are sufficient to warrant the repeal of the prohibitory clause of the postal laws provided that sufficient safeguards be thrown around the proposed illustration; therefore,

Be it RESOLVED, by the Columbus Collector's Club, that The American Philatelic Association, the Metropolitan Philatelic Association, The Southern Philatelic Association, The United States Revenue Society and The American Envelope Society, and stamp collecting clubs and societies generally, should by formal actions at the coming convention in Columbus, and in their regular meetings, in the case of local and state club and societies, petition Congress and the United States Postoffice Department for the repeal of the statutory inhibition of the illustration of United States stamps, both postage and revenue, so that they may be reproduced in, black and white in catalogues and in philatelic and other educational journals and other publications, under the supervision and by permission of the Postmaster General, and that all stamp collectors be urged to exert their individual influence with their senators and representatives in Congress to the desired end; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of the Columbus Collectors' Club be and hereby is instructed to cause copies of these resolutions to be sent to the leading philatelic journals and clubs and to all branch societies of the American Philatelic Association, and to the secretaries of the five societies named hereinbefore, and that he cause them to be introduced for adoption in the National Convention of the five philatelic associations mentioned, to be held in Columbus in July.

Introduced by Paul Mason. Seconded by Geo. K. Smith, Jr.

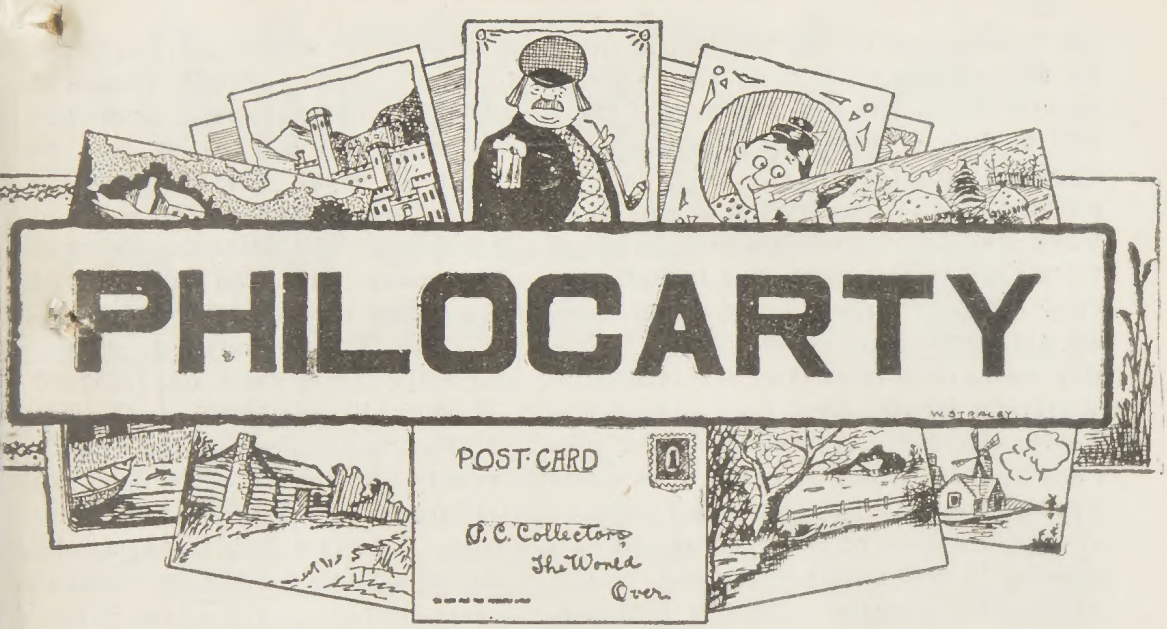
Unanimously adopted.

H. S. Adair, Secretary.

May 6th, 1908.

Herr Ph. Kosack in his B. B. Z. gives a list of stamp prices which we may translate as follows: There are about 25000 stamps worth from 1 cent to$ 12 50 each; 1776 worth from $12 50 to $25; 1068 worth from 25.00 to $50.00 328 worth from $50 00 to $75 00; 177 worth from $75.00 to $100.00; 77 worth from $100 00 to 125 00; 60 worth from $125 00 to $150 00; 27 worth from $150 00, to $175 00; 15 worth from $175 00 to $200.00; 18 worth from $200.00 to $225 00; 3 worth from $225 00 to 250 00; 29 worth from $250 00 to $375 00; 20 worth from $375 00 to $500 00; 10 worth from $500 00 to $625 00; 7 from $625.00 to $750.00; 5 worth from $750 00 to $1000.00; 3 worth from $1000.00 to $1500.00; 1 worth from $1500.00 to $1750 00; 2 worth from $1750.00 to $2000 00; 1 worth from $2000.00 to $2500.00; 7 worth from $2500 00 to $5000.00.

A complete collection of all stamps would therefore be worth approximately $300,000 00.



A New Use for Picture Post-cards

By Mary Hartley

When once a collecton of picture postcards has begun, specimens accumulate so quickly that one is often at a loss to know what to do with the surplus numbers. I would like to suggest a few novel uses to which I have put mine, and it may help to amuse both young and old should they follow my suggestions, and while away many a dull day. Rooms may be effectively papered with the cards, this being both instructive and interesting for day or night nurseries. It is unnecessary to say large numbers are required, and of all varieties, particularly coloured ones. Still, by applying to friends and relations one's collection is easily enlarged, for one and all are glad to find a use for duplicates or for those they do not want. To begin with, engage workmen to remove the wall paper, and well scrape the walls, making a smooth surface on which to place the pictures. This will take, say, a day and a half, and is one of the most expensive parts of the business. Still, if you engage the men at a time when there is not much demand for their services it can be done cheaper. A good sized gluepot should be hired or borrowed from a carpenter and a supply of glue bought, as this adhesive is the only one to be trusted for securely fixing the cards. Do not arrange a stiff decoration on the walls, but place the cards haphazard, though carefully showng them to advantage. A frieze can ornament the top, the cards chosen being similar; say views in black and white, or brightly coloured views.

What a pleasure this part of the undertaking is; and what favourite cards one comes across; and what memories they recall! If little friends are assisting, quite a lesson in geography may inadvertently be learned, or historical events fixed on the youthful mind. However, you have by no means completed your task. Purchase a packet of size from the chemist which you prepare yourself by adding boiling water and use it before it becomes cool. The walls should be brushed over carefully with the preparation, using a flat camelhair brush (costs 5d.), with two coatings. Lastly comes the varn-

ish which must be the best spirit varnish.sold at about 2. 9d. to 3, per pint; for an ordinary sized room a pint and a half is required. Should there be any left after the first coat,recoat the part that would most easily catch the dirt or dust. One great advantage of such a decoration is that it can be sponged over, leaving the walls perfectly clean—a great advantage where children are either playing or sleeping What a delightful time we had when we had reached the completion of our nursery! An afternoon tea had to be held in the room, our friends (including many who had contributed cards) being invited to admire our handiwork Even now we reap the greatest amusement out of our bright Post-card Room For instance, on a wet day we have puzzles. and one is asked to find Mary Anderson's or Rudyard Kipling's House, Lord Bobs, The Spanish Washer Women, An Irish Tea Party, etc.,etc Among the other uses I referred to are the making of bedroom splashers, the covering of wooden boxes and screens all of which can be most usefully and effectively done at a trifling cost, and with a great deal of pleasure both at the making and afterwards. Lastly I would suggest the making of post crad scrap-books, or the filling of albums for the amusement of hospital inmates.—Picture Postcard.

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To the Members of the Southern Phil. Assn.

The annual convention of this Society will take place at the City of Columbus, State of Ohio on July 21, 1908, for the purpose of electing the officers, and transacting all business appertaining to that society.

The following Committees have been appointed:

Committee on Credentials:—Mr H. S. Adair, Chairman, Mr. Geo. W. Linn, Mr. Opha Moore, all of Columbus, Ohio.

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Any other information in regard to accommodations etc., will be gladly given, by our secretary, Prof. R. L. Doak.

Fraternally yours, Fred G. Fuessel, Pres.

A London sale has just dispersed a collection of old English silver belonging to the late Lord Young, including a little Charles II. beaker 3¼, inches high, which sold for $189.



EDITOR S NOTE The editor of this department would like to receive papers, magazines -books, etc. dealing with the subjects of Archeology and Conchology for review; also would appreciate clippings or accounts of discoveries along the lines of Indian relics and shells. Proper credit will be given. Address. W. Straley. Nelson, Nebr.

Mr. Bert Stoner of Nelson. Nebr., was showing me a few days ago, a grooved axe of green stone, which he found some years ago on the outskirts of town. The axe measures 5½ inches long; 2¾ inches wide at one end and 2 inches at the other, and 2¼ inches thick tapering to an edge—the weight was 2 pounds. 2 ounces The workmanship is a little crude. and the groove in some places not well defined.

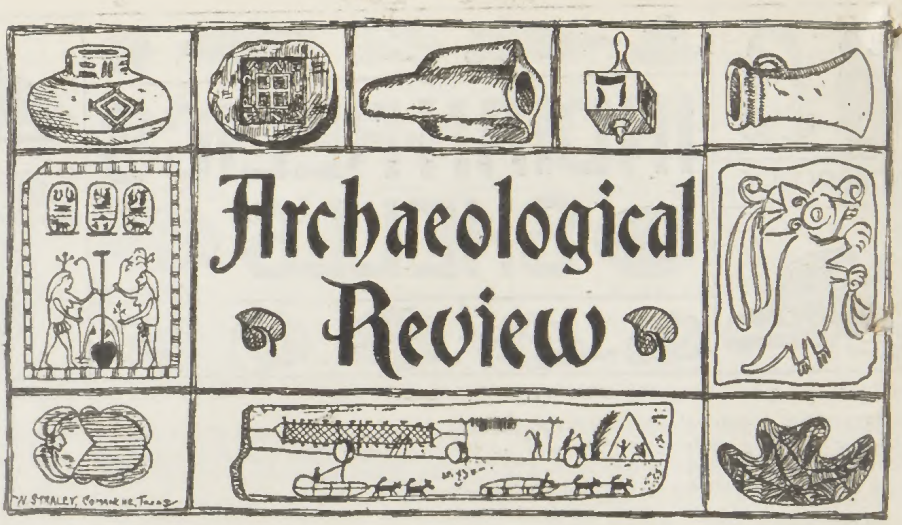
While out rambling over the fields near town several weeks ago I found quite a good deal of broken pottery. The site where the find was made is said to be where an Indian village once stood. Mr. Ritterbush, who was with me, found an arrowhead of peculiar shape and excellent workmanship. The pottery was found in a cultivated field south of Elk creek and about a mile southwest from the court house. Will investigate this site further and report.

We clip the following from the Auburn, (Nebr) Republican: "While ditching on the Wilkinson farm, south of the city, on Tuesday a man named Cox found the part of a spearhead made of flint that had been used by an Indian in the chase many years ago. The perfect proportions of the spear head indicated that the aboriginal armorer who had made it was an expert, for the reason that the weapon had been so delicately rifled that it would keep its direction and poise when hurled through the air. * * * The flint of which the arrow was fashioned is of a kind that is rarely found in this section, most of the arrowheads, spear-points and fleshers being made of the blue flint."

J.W. Bailey, Atkins, Ark., recently sent us a photo of a part of his interesting collection of Indian relics. This photo pictures over a hundred pieces of pottery, besides skulls, axes, beads, pipes, gouges, pestles mortars, scrapers, arrow and spear heads, etc. All of these specimens were unearthed by Mr. Bailey, and is a fine collection. He has a collection of Indian relics numbering something like 7000 pieces—representing something like 14 years already collecting. The collection is one to be proud of.

As the result of the celebrated Dickens' sale of old china recently $220,000 was realized.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—Publishers of archaeological journals and books, are requested to send copies for review, to address below. Also desire notes and clippings of archaeological interest. Proper credit given to all correspondents.
David B. Emert, Dawson, Shelby Co., Ohio.



A special dispatch to the Cleveland Leader Dated Boston, May 4, says: Charles C. Clapp, who has returned recently from Mexico, has called the attention of Professor Louis Agassiz to the discovery of a cave containing two hundred skeletons, each of a person more than eight feet in length. The cave was evidently the burial place of a race of giants who antedate the Aztecs. Mr. Clapp arranged the bones of these skeletons which he found to total eight feet eleven inches The molars, he said, were big enough to crack a cocoanut The head measured eighteen inches from front to back.

I recently received a copy of Prehistoric Relics. I can give no better review of this work than what is given in the authors preface, viz "Nearly all of the 7500 collectors of archaeological specimens have at some time or other wished for an inexpensive and yet complete illustrated catalogue. Books we have had in numbers, but they are all expensive, or they cover explorations only. Therefore, there are objections to most of them. Recognizing the call for a collectors book—one that should be for laymen and not for experts—we have compiled the present book, Prehistoric Relics It will be observed that we have quoted largely from standard authorities In foot notes we have referred to more than one hundred books, pamphlets and articles on archaeological subjects; and students, therefore, will have no trouble in persuing further reading. Prehistoric Relics is prepared solely for collectors and beginners in archaeology. It is not intended for museums or professionals."

The above is the authors preface, and is every word true. The work illustrates over 800 relics which alone is worth the price, $1.00 post paid, either from the office of the WEST or from the author, Prof. Warren K. Moorehead, Andover, Mass.

In continuation of the mound finds in Cleveland, Ohio, I have received several clippings from Mr. Chas Vogel. I extract the following from one of them: Firmly imbedded in the soil and cleft by the roots of a giant oak, the skull and portions of the shoulder blades of the sixth skeleton were found yesterday morning about three feet below the level in the old mound on E. 53d St. It is impossible to guess the reason for the burial of only

part of a body, said Director Mills. Cannibalism? We have records of that among the early Indians in northern Ohio, but can only surmise in a case like this. In other mounds I have found heads buried with the ashes of cremated bones; but there are no evidences of cremation here. The villages of these ancient peoples are in fact more interesting than their mounds, and I should not be surprised to know that one existed very near this mound. We find where the tepees were placed, where they had storehouses for corn and beans. where they buried their dead, and even the exact spot where the work men chipped away at their flints.

A discovery which tends to show that there must have been giants among mound builders has been made at Stubtown, Warren Co., Ohio., where the well preserved skeleton of a woman giant was unearthed on the farm of John Watkins along with the skeletons of a number of other mound buliders. The skeleton of the woman measures seven feet and five inches in length and around the neck was a strand of pearls. In the tomb were other articles of much value

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Mr. J. W. Bailey, of Atkins, Ark., has written me in regard to his collection. Mr. Bailey says he has not the time to spend on his collection and so desires to dispose of the same. He has something like 100 vessels, some five thousand points besides hatchets, celts, pipes, copper specimens, etc. Surely a fine collection. Mr. Bailey also sent me a fine photograph and from that I judge it would make a fine addition to any collection. He desires that it should be kept in his home state, and should the collectors of Arkansas allow this to go out of the state, they will realize when too late that they have lost some very valuable archaeological material. It would pay some college or high school to purchase this collection as a whole. When collections like this are broken up, the specimens are so scattered, that valuable data of many localities is comparatively lost.

Real and Bogus Relics. A tooth alleged to have been drawn from Napoleon's head at St. Helena, was sold for $37.50. For Kant's wig, only $40 could be obtained but Sterne's wig was valued at $1,000. Two hundred dollars is said to have been given for Descartes' skull, whereas $3,400 was given for one of Sir Isaac Newton's teeth, and $20,000 was offered for one of the teeth of Heloise at the time when her body was exhumed. The waistcoat worn by Rousseau has been priced at $190, his watch at $100. Not all the relics,however, in which there has been traffic have been genuine. Voltaire cannot have owned more than a fraction of the walking sticks that have been sold as his and a tradesman in France used to boast that he had disposed of 132 "last walking sticks" carried by Jean Jaqudess Roseau. A Paris tradesman for a long time did an equally lucrative busines in "the last pair of trousers worn by Victor Hugo."

Saxon pennies continue to fetch good prices when offered for sale. A scarce type of a penny of Ethelred sold for $20 at London a few days ago. At the same sale a penny of Alfred the Great realised $15. One of the scarcest silver coins of Henry VIII., a testoon of the third coinage, sold for five guineas, and a gold sovereign of the same reign for $36.



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Many collectors of books bequeath their treasures to public libraries. If they insist that their collection shall be kept intact, the public library will refuse to receive it, unless it is of very great value or importance. As a rule they select from it what they need to fill vacancies, and sell the duplicates, and use the proceeds for the use of the library. It is common now to see auction sales advertised as a clearing out of the duplicates of some large library. The same practice should prevail in the way of handling autograph letters. It is true that every letter is unique, and that there are really no duplicates. Each letter with good historical contents should of course be kept, but when a library has a good example of a name, and comes into possession of other examples of no historical importance, there is no reason whatever why these letters should not be sold like duplicate books. They have no value to the student, and are only useful to autograph collectors, or for the extra illustration of books. It would be a kindness and a gratification to collectors if such letters were turned out on the market. These letters ought to be wedded out and sold, and the value put to a better use.

MINERALOGY



EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles, etc to this Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive, Mont., will be answered as far as possible in this dept. Forest Gaines.

Professor Winchell of Minneapolis considers the greenstone of Minnesota the oldest known rock and as representing the original crust of the earth. The lower series of it is purely igneous, the upper or "clastic" series consists of greenstone, more silicious rocks and conglomerates, more or less altered by heat. Hitherto it has been supposed that the Laurentian granite and igneous rocks of Canada were the oldest. The silica and potash of the upper greenstones of Minnesota bespeak, he thinks, a primeval alkaline ocean with silica in solution. From this ocean comes the great stock of the world's potash in the archaean rocks.

Mrs. A. C. Merchant was a Maine girl of ordinary school education, but with a passion for study far in advance of her station. One day she found a very beautiful blue stone in a cow pasture at South Litchfield, and finding that the ledge was composed of it sent it to a neighboring college. The curator wrote back that it was a very rare mineral and asked her price for it.

In a few years the mineralogists of the John Hopkins university, the Peabody museum at Yale, Harvard's geologist, the Smithsonian, and even great men in the old countries, were writing her for specimens. She sent off her goods by the box and barrel and in return won distinguished friends and received beautiful boxes of minerals.

It is told that a great professor who was visiting at Poland Springs and who had driven over to see the country once stopped before her door and asked how she came to have a beautiful crystal which lay upon her doorstep.

"Professor L. of Harvard sent it to me," she said.

"Why, do you know Professor L.? He's a great geologist. He has promised me a piece of sodalite, and I am to get it in a few months now. It's a rare mineral indeed. Do you happen to be interested in minerals, madam?"

The kindly face in the door fairly beamed upon him as she answered: "I know very little about them, sir, though I wish I did. But as to the sodalite, I can give you a piece of it. Just wait till I get my sunbonnet and I'll show you a piece as big as this house."

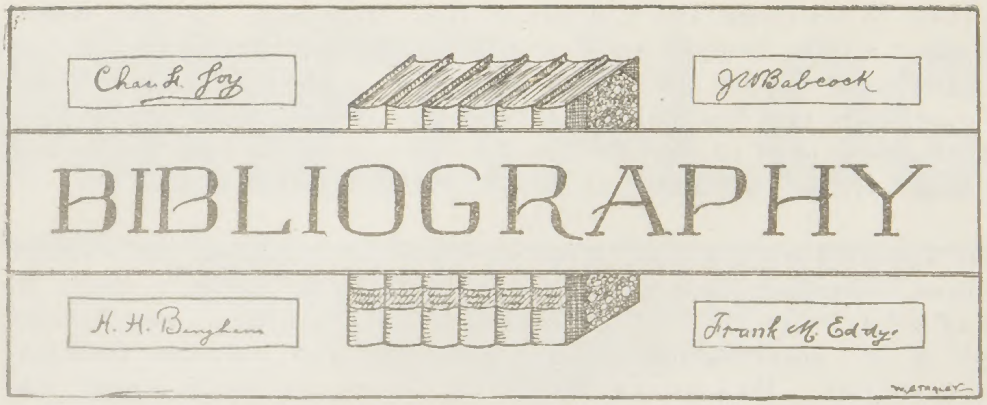
The professor smiled incredulously, but waited and walked with her down the very much worn path to the mine. There he nearly lost his head. He jumped about, picked up pieces and fairly kissed them in his delight. He came back several times and finally loaded a sugar barrel with specimens.

and sent them to his home, the free gift of Mrs. Merchant. A few weeks after the depot master dropped her a card notifying her that a heavy box waited at the depot for her. Two hours after she opened it and handled over and over again rare tourmalines, crystals and pebbles from the golden and pearl lined shores of California. At the time of her death the collection had been variously estimated at from $2,000 to $3,000 in value.

There appeared in this department in the April number, an excerpt from an Iowa newspaper, descriptive of one Henry Lesch finding a pearl in the head of a fish. Dr. T. S. Hitchcock, a well known dental practitioner of Oswego, N. Y., volunteers some very interesting and valuable information on this subject. He says that what Mr. Lesch evidently found was nothing more or less than one of the eyes of the fish. The way to get plenty of the pearls of this kind is to cut off the heads of several fish back of the gills, wrap them in cloth so as to preserve intact, and boil the length of time it requires to cook any ordinary fish. A teaspoonful of salt should be put into the water. At the conclusion of the thermal process you will find your pearls. The larger the fish of course, the larger the pearls. After taking the eyes out carefully lay them away till dry. Dr. Hitchcock says that he has performed the experiment many times with great success.

To digress for a time, we wish to note that Dr. Hitchcock, referred to above, is one of the most expert of the wood modelers in this country. Among his most notable works are a lifelike representation of Old Fort Ontario at Oswego, N. Y., and a miniature of a proposed temple to be erected near Oswego as a memorial to the Five Nations, famous in the history of the American Indian. The model of Fort Ontario is five by seven feet and represents the entire grounds of this historic post. The buildings are five inches high and complete in every respect. The model of the temple took years to complete. It provides for a palatial structure costing $300,000 and requiring from five to eight years for its construction. The material is to be of New York state marble. To quote from a recent state paper: "The temple of which Dr. Hitchcock has prepared a model, is elaborate, and possibly may never be adopted because of the cost, but the movement is a worthy one and a monument to the Iroquois nation should be erected."

There is probably no product of inoragnic nature about which there is so much popular mystery and misconception as asbestus. It is vaguely known that the chief claim of this remarkable product is that it cannot be burned. There are however six varieties of asbestus, each of which possesses qualities peculiar to itself. They may be classified as follows: Amanthus, in which the fibers are so exceedingly long flexible and elastic that they may be woven into cloth; common asbestus, with the fibers much less flexible—it is heavier than the first variety, a dull green in color, sometimes pearly in luster and oily to the touch; mountain cork, which floats on water, mountain leather, also very light, but thinner and more flexible than the last; mountain paper or blue asbestus: mountain wood, which in external appearance resembles dry wood. As a matter of fact, nearly all varieties have more or less the appearance of fossilized wood, and the mineral has been found in nearly all parts of the globe. Its uses in manufacturing material impregnable to fire are too well known to enumerate.



Letters of Presidents

FULL AUTOGRAPH SET TO BE SOLD IN THE ROBERT H. SAYRE COLLECTION.

An unusualy interesting complete set of full autograph letters of the Presidents of the United States is in the collections of Robert H. Sayre and an unnamed Baltimore collector, which will be sold at auction in Philadelphia.

In a letter to the Secretary of War, George Washington writes from Mount Vernon July 30 1798, to say: "The writer of the inclosed letter, in name and character is an entire stranger to me, nor do I know whether, by the law establishing the cavalry, any provision is made under which such a person could be employed—tho' certain it is, if Mr Macharg understands what he professes to be master of, he might be employed advantageously in training that part of our force."

There are a number of letters of John Adams, one of the most interesting of which is dated London, Sept. 29 1786, and addressed to Capt. Richard O'Brien, American prisoner in Algiers, who had asked Adams to assist him in securing his liberty

An especially fine letter of Thomas Jefferson, Monticello, Aug. 8, 1803, while he was President, to Henry Dearborn, his Secretary of War, refers to the fact that Jerome Bonaparte, who was at Baltimore under the name of M. Dalbator, meant to ask a passage to France in an American frigate. "Our duty," Jefferson says "to our constituents would require us to lose no occasion of conferring personal obligation on the first Consul of France, and of procuring by just attention the advantage of his good will to them. The same duties require us equally to give no just offense to the other belligerent party, and that we should not expose our flag to the humiliation of having a frigate searched by a superior force. The search, proved rightful by its result and ourselves placed in the wrong, we should therefore be prepared with an answer."

A letter of James Madison to Chancellor Robert Livingston. Washington, July 18, 1808, refers to the attacks on American vessels by the British and French on the eve of the second war with Great Britain.

There are two letters of John Quincy Adams, Sept 14 and Oct. 21 1832 relative to his opposition to Free Masonry.

In a letter of Andrew Jackson, Washington, Oct. 4 1836, to Benjamin

F. Butler the latter is notified of his appointment as Secretary of War.

One letter of Zachary Taylor is dated Contonment Jesup, near Natchitoches. Nov. 15. 1822, and another Batch Rouge, July 30. 1848.

Franklin Pierce in a long letter, Washington, March 18. 1838, expresses his views on the slavery question saying: "I am no advocate of slavery. I wish it had no existence upon the face of the earth, but, as a public man, I am called upon to act in relation to an existing state of things—One older than the Constiution of our country and expressly recognized by it."

James Buchanan writes as follows from Wheatland, Nov. 4. 1852, on the triumph of Franklin Pierce over Gen. Winfield Scott: "What a Waterloo defeat the Whigs have sustained! Laus Deo! And this ends the race of Presidential candidates from the regular army. 'A consummation devoutly to be wished' whether our success will put down the slavery agitation is a question still in doubt."

Curiously enough, on the heels of this letter with its incorrect prediction, a fine civil war letter of U. S. Grant: "Headquarters. Vicksburg, Mis., Aug 30. 1863" Signed as Major General.

The other presidents are represented by five autographic letters, including several very rare Andrew Johnson's and four or five interesting ones written by Abraham Lincoln.

Something About Proofs

Comparatively few collectors pay any attention to proofs of either postage or revenue stamps. There seems to be a general impression that they are outside the domain of philately. They are rarely offered for sale by dealers, and the auction sale affords the only chance to obtain them. They are of course not stamps, yet they are so closely related to them that they very properly attract the attention of a very intelligent class of collectors. They should by no means take the place of the real stamp, which has a character peculiarly its own, and for which there can be no substitute as long as we collect stamps as philatelists; but as a fitting accompaniment of a stamp collection, nothing seems to me can be more beautiful and appropriate than proofs of stamps we value so highly. Those on India paper are the most valuable. Proofs on thin card board are less desirable, and can be had for a little more than half the prices of the others, yet they are very beautiful. They are generally printed in different colors, including the proper color of the stamp, but the kind of paper on which these impressions are taken, prevents their use in payment of postage and from being mistaken as stamps themselves.

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A Kolumn for Kansas Kollectors

By George J. Remsburg

The collection of Philippine Island fossils collected by Dr. Clarence L. Cole, a graduate of Kansas University, was recently received at the University by Dr C E McCune, of the paleontology department. Dr. Cole was a lieutenant in the army and spent two years in the islands. The shipment contains the skeletons of five large bats, pieces of ancient coral, and 450 sea shells of various sizes and colors. In an earlier shipment Dr. Cole supplied the University with the skeletons of some very large lizards.

Mrs. John Hundley, while digging in her yard two miles southwest of Fairmount, recently unearthed a large number of old cartridges of a pattern used before the Civil war. Some of them are of 45-60 calibre and have R B. stamped on the rim, while others are of 45 70 calibre and bear the letters W. R. A. Co , and W C. F . meaning Winchester Repeating Arms Co , and Winchester Center Fire They are much corroded, and had evidently been buried there a long time The Hundley residence stands on a knoll near a spring and is an ideal camping place. The cartridges were probably lost by the soldiers who camped here in the early days, or else by the men who sacked Lawrence, and made similar raids into Kansas.

A chair which belonged to Miles Standish and which was brought to this country from England on the Mayflower, has come into the possession of the Kansas State Historical Society through Mrs L W. Harris, of Miltonvale, Kansas. The chair was exhibited at the World's Fair, in Chicago, and is one of the most important relics of the Mayflower in existence. On the bottom of the chair is the following inscription "England was my birthplace. The Mayflower was my cradle. Plymouth Rock my refuge. Newberryport, Mass , was the heyday of my youth Boscowan, N. H., my attic prison house and Kansas my last hope and my redemption My early friends were Miles Standish the stalwart, and John Alden, the scholar My latest friends whose household God I now am, live on the boundless praires "

George W. Ellis, a well known Kansas colored man, who formerly lived in Atchison, and who is now secretary of the American legation at Monrovia, Liberia, is making studies of the Vai speaking people of West Africa, and will publish the results of his studies in book form in London some time during the present year Ellis has traveled through the Vai country and gathered extensive and valuable ethnological collections for the Smithsonian Institution at Washington When his ethnological work is completed he expects to retire from the diplomatic service and resume the practice of law in Kansas.

Silas Ratcliff, of Port William, has donated to the writer's private museum of antiquities two interesting relics. One of them is a curious pipe which was found in South Topeka, after the big flood in the Kaw river, in 1903, by Thomas S. Currans, a veteran of the Soldiers' home, at Leavenworth, who visits Mr. Ratcliff occasionally. The pipe, bears in very prominent figures on the front of the bowl, the date 1761 and is therefore 177 years old. It is very elaborately carved with a representation of an old fashioned mansion in front of which is sitting what is evidently a Frenchman or a

Spaniard playing a guitar. The material of the pipe is believed to be meerschaum, with silver lid and trimmings. On the silver rim around the top of the bowl is the word "Alpacca." This pipe may have belonged to one of the early French families that settled among the Indians in the Kaw valley, near Topeka. The Choteaus and Papans located there between the years 1829 and 1841. The other relic is an old fashioned hammer such as was used around the ox wagons in the early days, for driving linch pins, etc. It was found in a ravine, near the colored church at Port William, by Joseph Wiscarson, formerly of Port William, but now of Atchison. Both the hammer and its handle are iron.

Kansas collectors are invited to co operate with the editor of this department in making it interesting to Kansas readers of the WEST. Brief accounts of your collections and any interesting finds you may have made will be appreciated. Address all communications to George J. Remsburg, Oak Mills, Kans.

The 53rd monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, June 5th, President Virgil M. Brand presiding. The following members were present: Messrs. Blumenschein, Merrill, Chester Dunham, Holmes, Sorensen, Williams, Hoague, Kelly, Green, Verkler, Carey, McDonald, V. M. Brand, Jaeger, Simpson, Excell and Leon. Messrs. Wm. H. Gardiner, F. M. Tuckerman, Armin W. Brand and Frank J. Lamberson were elected to membership.

A motion was carried instructing the Executive Commitee to cancel the reverse die of the 50th meeting medal.

Mr. Carey read a paper on Specializing, which developed an interesting discussion. Several members present volunteered to make a special study of some particular country so that all members might be benefited by the results of their researches.

Under exhibits Mr. V. M. Brand showed the ten dollar gold piece of the Cincinnati Mining and Trading Co., Mr. Leon and Dr. Merrill some Territorial gold, Messrs. Hoague and Williams foreign gold, and Mr. Green some pewter Continental currency.

The following books were added to the library: Brazilian Coins by Julius Mel, 2 vls; and Coins of Portugal by Aragao, 3 vols. Magazines received since last meeting were: The Curio for April, Philatelic West, Numismatist, Numismatische Corresondpenz and Spink's Numismatic Circular for May and Mehl's Monthly for June. Auction catalogues were received from Henry Chapman, S. H. Chapman, Elder, Green, Low, and Mehl, sales with fixed prices from Feith and St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co., and priced catalogues from Green (2) and Low (3).

Adjourned to meet July 3rd, 1908.

Ben G. Green, Secretary.

Mrs. Penn W. Poole of Elmwood, Mass., has a dainty china plate which has been handed down from generation to generation since 1780, when it was presented to one of her ancestors who was then ten years of age.

Botany--a Fascinating Study

By K. Nuck

Once more the season of the year is at hand when the botanist can commence his pursuit after botanical specimens No very expensive or elaborate outfit is required, in fact the beginner could do without any outfit at all It is best, however, that some kind of carrying case should be obtained. A close tin box of suitable size that can either be carried in the hand or slung over the shoulder by a strap is all that is necessary. Another method followed by some is to make a portfolio about 10 inches by 15 inches stout cardboard or very light lumber. A quantity of blotting paper is placed inside and the flowers are placed between the sheets of blotting paper as soon as gathered. A couple of straps around the portfolio will keep the specimens under pressure

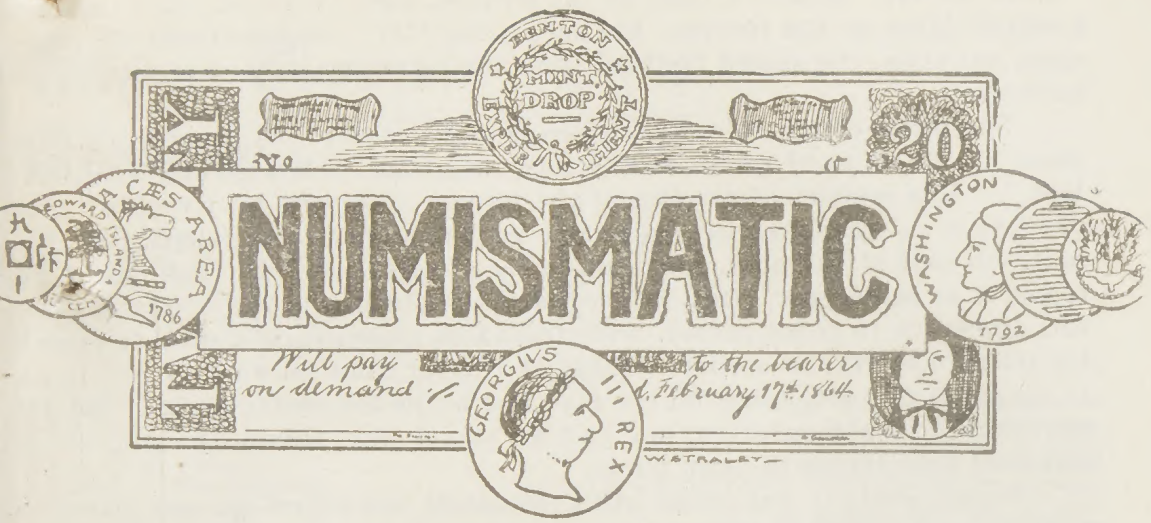
Specimens of plants should be collected when in flower if possible, as the aim of the botanist is to have his specimens when pressed and mounted to resemble as closely as possible the plant they represent. It is best to collect your specimens when dry, as they will press better than if wet If the plant is small, the whole of it, root and all should be taken up. Large plants cannot be treated this way so the flower, a portion of the stem with several leaves and a representative section of the root should be collected. Care should be taken to secure as near ideal specimens as possible.

The pressing of your specimens is the next thing to be considered. Each specimen should be carefully spread out, carefully spreading the leaves and flowers.

Newspapers make good material for pressing specimens. Take two sheets of proper size and place specimens between them Then put on several sheets of paper and then another specimen and then more paper and so on. When you have your plants all arranged in this way place a board on top of the pile and then apply a weight of twenty pounds Bricks answer the purpose very well. For the first few days the papers should be changed every day and fresh ones put in Ironing the papers in which the specimens are enclosed with a hot iron will help to draw the moisture out of the plant. This is especially beneficial in plants having thick fleshy leaves Your specimens should be dry in ten days or two weeks, and can then be mounted. The process of drying can be hastened by the above mentioned ironing and also by warming the papers each day before placing the plants in them.

If the plants are carefully dried, much of the natural colors will remain in the pressed specimen although the flower and leaves will to a certain extent change too Your specimens when thoroughly dry, are ready to be mounted. Instructions for mounting etc , were given in the WEST for February, to which paper I refer you. I trust these few remarks will help some beginner and I trust that all who read the above remarks will commence to collect botanical specimens. It is a fascinating pursuit and once a collector, always a collector in most cases.

A double grill is commonly understood to mean two grills on the same stamp. The term really signifies that the same grill has been impressed twice. Stamps in this condition are extremely scarce.



OLD COINS OF AMERICA

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(Continued from last issue).

In 1783 the Nova Constellatio Coppers appeared in Boston in great numbers. They must have been issued in great quantities for some of them were found in circulation with the big U. S. Coppers as late as 1860.

The states now began to establish mints. Connecticut in 1785; other states as soon or immediately after. We will only glance rapidly at their issues.

Vermont soon issued many coins. The most common were those with the legend "Vermon Auctori" (By authority of Vermont) around a laureated head on the obverse and on the reverse a seated figure with the words "Inde. et Lib." (Independence and Liberty). This form of legend was later adopted by Connecticut, as will appear hereafter.

Other Vermont coins had for a device the sun rising over the mountains, and the legend "Vermontensium Respuelica," with a reverse bearing the words "Quartar Decima Stella (The fourteenth star)." The mint of Vermont seems to have been very active, and great quantities of coins were issued from it. Among others we find pieces with the head and name of King George, and the reverse Inde et Lib. A curious combination for a coin, but possibly resulting from the counterfeiting of English ½ pennies which then passed current in the northern part of the country, or perhaps from the attempt to recoin half-pennies with the Vermont legends and devices.

The uniform legend if like that of the Vermont coppers on the Conn. pieces. Occasionally an error was made in lettering. Thus we find an Auctobi or an Auctopi, or an Auciori, or a Counfc.

New York, New Jersey, and Massachusetts were in the field almost or quite as early as Connecticut or Vermont.

New York did not coin so largely as the other states, and many of the coins bearing the name of the state were coined in England. All the coins of this state are of a higher degree of rarity than those of the other states. One of the most common pieces was of English origin, bearing the legend

"Nova Eborac" around a head on the obverse, and "Virt. et Lib." around a seated figure on the reverse; the date being 1787. Of this there are different varieties, the seated figure in some facing to the right, while in others to the left.

The rarest of the New York coins is undoubtedly the George Clinton piece of 1787, some of which were struck over an "IMMUNILS COLUMBIA." The remains of portions of the former coins were still visible. One of these coins was taken in change at a grocery store by a gentleman in the southern part of Vermont, quite a number of years ago. He was about to reject it as bad copper, when he recollected a friend who was a coin collector, and stuck it in his pocket, and afterwards placed it on a shelf to await his friend's arrival on a visit. When the latter came he went to get it, and in taking it up, dropped it on the floor and could not find it again. He did not recollect the description, and neither he nor his friend thougnt it of sufficient importance to hunt for it.

Supsequently it was found when the carpet was taken up, and placed in a letter, and mailed to the collector for whom it was intended. When he received he letter the coin was nearly half out of the envelope, so that he removed it at once with his fingers without opening the envelope. In or around 1857 it was bought with a number of other coins from the gentleman by W. C. Prime, but its whereabouts today I do not know.

There is another New York coin, sometimes called the New York Washington piece from the supposed resemlance of the head on the obverse to that of the great patriot This head is surrounded by the legend "Non Vi Virtute Vici" (Not by force, but by bravery I Conquered). The reverse of this coin has a seated figure of Liberty and the legend "Neo Eboracensis, 1786."

A gold coin, known as the New York Doubloon, having the legend "Nova Eboraca, Columbia, Excelsior" arcund a landscape, the sun rising over the hills; and on the reverse an eagle. had gone into circulation, and but few specimens exist. Another New York coin had on the face an Indian chief, and the legend "Liber Natus Libertatem Defendo; the reverse the arms of the State, on one variety, and on the other the crest of those arms only, an eagle, with the legend "Neo Eboracus Excelsior, 1787."

New Jersey coined in great profusion. A cent had the legend "Nova Caesarea, 1786" around a horses head and a plough. On the reverse a shield and the legend "E PLURIBUS UNUM." The varieties differ only in the shape of the shield, the punctuation, the occasional omission of a letter by mistake, as "E Plurbis Unum", and in one instance the horse's head is turned to the left, the latter being very rare

Massachusetts struck two state coins in 1787, reissued them in 1788, a cent and a half cent, of which great quantities were sent out. The half cent is quite rare, while there are quite a few of the cents, of which the one of 1786 is the rarest.

In 1794 a French company proposed a settlement, and did attempt it, in the northern part of New York, which they named Castorville It was located where Carthage, in Jefferson County, now stands, and is said to have contained families of rank and respectability. A coin is extant known as the Castorland piece, which was probably struck in France, though it never passed into circulation.

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To Our Members:—We are sorry to say that none of our members have secured enough new members to entitle them to a prize in the contest just ended. Several members secured one new member but it took two to gain the lowest prize offered We thank the members for the interest they have shown in this contest, and as a further inducement we are starting an entirely new contest as follows:

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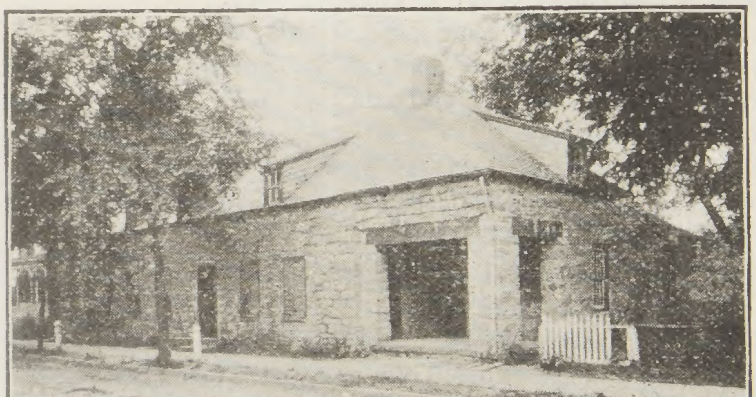
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Sincerely, James A. Carr, Jr., Secy-Treas.

Old ivory-handled table knives stained green seem to be realizing high prices, fourteen in poor preservation were sold recently for $18 According to an old legend, an African chief once hid his store of ivory under ground, and when found years afterwards, it was stained a beautiful green. This ivory was bought up and made into knife and fork handles. These specimens, in which the colour appears to have passed right through the material, are regarded as valuable curios by collectors.

Kingston N. Y., is 250 Years Old

Old Senate House, Kingston, N. Y., built in 1676. From the Excelsior Magazine.



It celebrated its anniversary this year. An account of the celebration and sketch of its history is by one of the World's youngest editors and Publishers, Ralph Weyant Brill, Pub. of "Excellsior".

Kingston, the first capital of the Empire State (New York), celebrated its 25th Anniversary on May 30, 31st and June 1st of this year with impressive ceremony.

This city is famous in history. It was founded in 1658. The early Dutch settlers whose home were scattered in this vicinity were troubled a great deal by Indians. Finally it was decided that it would be best to combine and build a stockade. Accordingly one was planned by Peter Stuyvesant and the settlers set to work in earnest. The work was soon completed. A feature of the celebration this year was an attack on an imitation of the original stockade by a number of men dressed as Indians and the repulse of the attack by the soldiers of the stockade.

The most noteworthy of the many features of the celebration was a three mile parade. Fire companies, lodges, companies of soldiers etc., were in line. President Roosevelt gave the signal to start this parade from the National Capital at Washington. Many notable persons were in the procession among which was Chas. E. Hughes of New York. After the parade the Governor addressed a large crowd in the open air on Kingston's History.

Collectors will be interested in learning that a medal was struck to commemorate the occasion. A large number of these now hold places in the world's largest and most noteworthy collections.

Kingston now has a populaion of 26,000. It is the county seat of Ulster county. It has 13 public schools, 2 academies, 29 churches, 3 theatres, 2 opera houses, a public hospital, a No 1 fire Dept., 3 daily newspapers, one Sunday and 3 weekly papers. It also has three monthly publications, namely Olde Ulster, a historial magazine, The Excelsior Magazine, advertised in the WEST and The Index Monthly, a story paper.

The Senate House, a photo of which is given in this issue of the West is one of Kingston's many old, Revolutionary houses. It was built in 1676 and received its name from the meeting of the first Senate within it in 1777.

The silver medal awarded to Grace Darling by the Glasgow Humane Society in 1838 was sold a few days ago for $250.



..Camera News.

Editor—F. J. Clute, San Fran[illegible]sc



Artistic Frames For Photographs

Snap-shots of friends may be artistically framed at home for very small cost. [illegible]me is ingenious. For instance, a frame made of the flag of one's country would be most appropriate if used around a picture of a boy or girl in a sailor suit. To make this frame use a piece of cardboard with a round, square or oval cut in the center. Before doing this the edges should be covered with a paper flag and its center slashed on the back, and a padding of one thickness of cotton batting added to improve the shape.

The slashed center must then be drawn back through the opening, and the edges trimmed, that the covering shall fit perfectly. These then are glued, as was the outside.

Another piece of board the same size is covered with a piece of cotton or silk is glued to the front, leaving the bottom or top open for the photograph to slip in. When back and front are put together place the frame under a heavy book to act as a press, making the work dry more firmly and evenly.

ABOUT A GILDED RICE FRAME.

Entirely different in construction is a gilded rice frame, for the pasteboard is cut out in any form one wishes. Change is given to a square frame by placing the opening so that it comes rather near the top toward the right or left corner, instead of directly in the center.

For the gilded rice the pasteboard is painted with glue, and while still wet is sprinkled evenly with rice. This stands until dry and set, then the whole is gilded.

For frames rope has possibilities that are not to be despised. In making such a frame it is first gilded, silvered or covered with silk or burlap, if one wishes. The latter is very decorative.

TRUE LOVERS' KNOT DESIGN.

Rope is then worked into any kind of design, such as a true love knot, circles, &c., and is glued to the background, having first carefully selected the place. Care must be taken to have the ornament in proportion to the frame. After the decoration has "set" it may be painted with silver, gilt or color.

Denim and burlap are two materials that should be much used by the amateur frame maker. They cost but a trifle. In making them it will be necessary to stretch the goods over wood, instead of pasteboard, for the latter is not strong enough to hold in shape any material other than silk, or very thin cottons. Instead of pasting the heavier fabrics they should be tacked down.

Correct Exposure

As is well known, the shutter speeds of practically all makes of shutters are utterly unreliable. This includes the best and highest priced on the market. Some of these shutters will give the same exposure at a 1 100th sec. as at 1-10th sec. But the unwary and unsuspecting amateur trusting implicitly in the marking on the shutter, finds on developing that most of his exposures are "over" or badly "under", more commonly the latter. Then, perhaps, he will try the same subjects and views again, and this time his exposures are "under" or badly "over". Of course, the makers of plates and films will be glad to have him try again. They have the goods for sale.

A good way of overcoming these difficulties is not to make snap shots at all, but to use a tripod or other firm support and make short time exposures regulating the exposure by the size of the opening in the lens. that is, by "stopping down." A good exposure meter will help wonderfully and save its cost perhaps on the first roll of films. With a little practice an exposure of ½ sec. or ¼ sec or even shorter can be made quite accurately, with a bulb exposure, having the speed indicator set at B By countng the ticks of a watch or clock for, say, 20 or 30 seconds, it will be easy to figure how fast it ticks, and short exposures can be accurately made by holding the watch to the ear while making the exposure.

POINTS FOR THE AMATEUR IN TAKING PICTURES OF CHILDREN

The average amateur photographer is often conspicuous by a readiness to calmly and fearlessly tackle any and every subject under the sun; but in all his varied efforts it is doubtful if he ever meets so difficult a subject as a child. Ordinary portraiture is bad enough, but a child is the ordinary sitter plus a complete inability to remain quiet for any two or three consecutive seconds.

To achieve success in this branch of work the photographer should properly be blessed with every virtue. He or she must possess a patience that knows no limits, and above all must be gifted with the kind of nature that inspires childen with immediate and complete confidence. I do not think I have ever seen a really good portrait of a child taken by a man or woman who did not instinctively delight in children. The simple truth will be found at the root of the success of all popular professional child photographers, for it is essential that the little sitter shall first of all be placed at complete ease. Many children are as nervous of sitting as the most fastidious of adults; others, again, will positively refuse to sit at all, out of sheer contrariness, and one must be prepared to exert their utmost talents to face the ordeal successfully. But even supposing that a child has been discovered who, without tears or the necessity of entreaty, is willing to sit quietly for its portrait, it will be found a most troublesome operation to find a really natural and pretty position. If children will sit at all, they will seldom submit to any arranging of their hands and feet or a tilting of their heads, and the wise one will not be slow to discover that if apparently left to themselves they will naturally drop into a pleasant and graceful pose—which one must be prompt to catch. The great lesson to learn is that of first getting your sitters into a good humor, a sulking or frowning expression being the ruin of a child's portrait, though often seen. A few amusing toys are a valuable accessory to the amateur's studio, and a five minutes' romp will be found the best of all preludes to a sitting.

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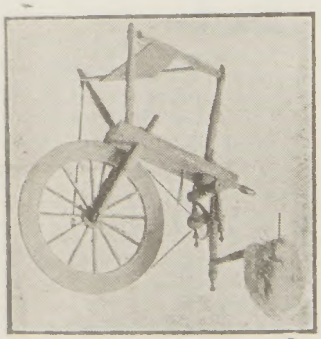
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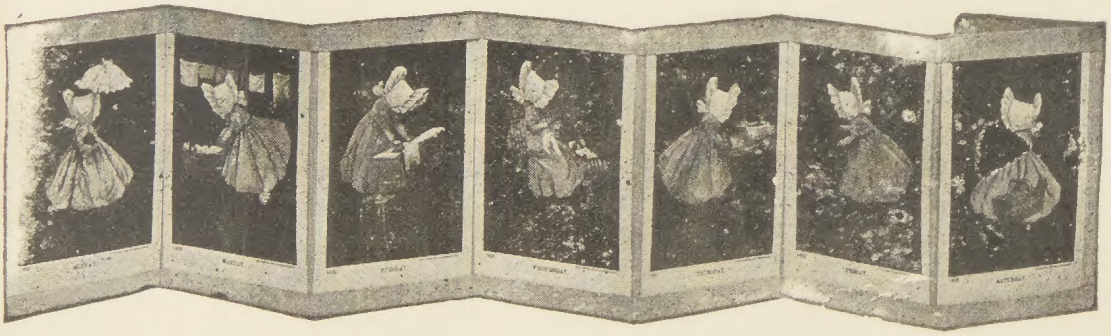
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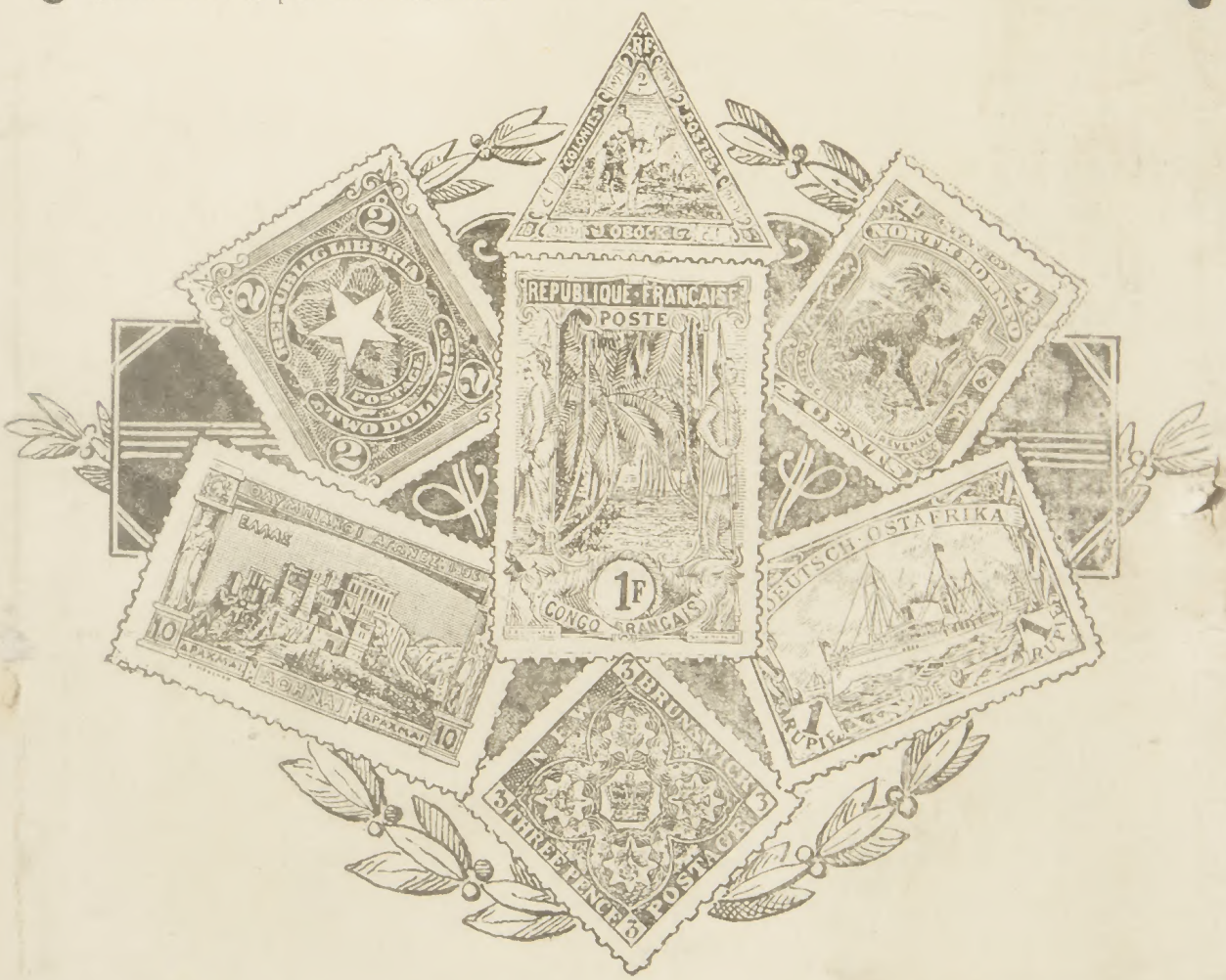
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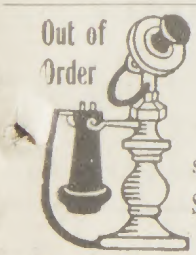
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On the 6 cent dull rose stamp on the hard white paper the first four vertical lines of the shading in the lower part of the left ribbon have been strengthened as a means of identification. This stamp, unused and in perfect condition, is valued at $50. The same design on regular paper is quoted at $1.75, while the one without the private mark is valued at $15, if embossed.

The vermillion colored 7 cent stamp of the special series of 1875 is valued at $40 The characteristics which distinguish it consist of two small semicircles drawn around the ends of the line which outlines the bail in the lower right hand corner The same stamp printed on the regular paper is quoted at $6 and, the one without the mark and embossed on the back at $15, both of these quotations being for unused and perfect specimens.

The 10 cent pale brown stamp on hard white woven paper has a private mark in the form of a tiny crescent in the white ball at the right end of the upper label In unused state it is valued at $50, the same design on regular paper being valued at $5. This denomination of the 1870-71 issue, without mark, but showing a plain white ball at the end of the label, is also fairly rare, and is quoted at $35 in unused and mint condition with embossing.

The rarest of the 12 cent stamps is that of the color of dull violet of the 1870-71 issue. But three specimens of this stamp are known in unused condition, and the last one sold brought $625. which is considered below its value today.

This stamp was used on letters forwarded to Australia, and as there were no remainders left when the issue was discontinued the number of unused copies is remarkably small. Even in used condition it is scarce, and a fine specimen is quoted at $75.

The next in rarity of this denomination is the one of special printing which is distinguished from the first by a secret mark consisting of two small crescents in the figure "2" instead of round balls, as on the others. The stamp unused, is valued at $40. This stamp printed on regular paper when unused, is quoted at $12.

The last of the stamps of this series to bear a secret mark was that of 15 cents. In this the two lines forming a "V" in the lower part of the triangle in the upper left hand corner were made heavier than on the stamp of 1870-71 The stamp with the mark printed on hard, white, woven paper, is now valued at $50 when unused. That without the mark of the 1870 71 issue is quoted at $25 in the same condition, while the stamp bearing the secret mark, but on regular paper, is valued at $7.50.

The rarest of the whole series is the 24 cent purple stamp of 1870-71, with Scott's portrait and embossing on the back. There is only one specimen known in unused condition, and this is valued at from $1,500 up to any premium a collector may choose to offer. In used and perfect condition it is valued at $100. It is remarkable that this stamp is so rare in unused condition, as the records show that a total of 651,075 were printed in 1867

and 1871. Probably the next in rarity is the 24 cent dull purple stamp of the special printing, which is valued at $40. There are two varieties of the 24 cent stamp without embossing but it has not been definitely settled which company printed them.

The 30 cent stamp of the special printing, greenish black in color, is quoted at $50. The one printed in plain black of the 1870-71 issue with embossing is held to be worth $25, and the green black stamp of 1873 is valued at $10.

The last denomination of the entire series is the 90 cent stamp, which, violet carmine in color and on hard, white woven paper, is now quoted when unused at $50. The unused carmine stamp of the same denomination of the 1870-71 issue is valued at $25 with embossing, and the rose carmine stamp of 1873 on regular paper at $5 when unused.

The regular issue of 1875 consisted of but two denominations, the 2 cent vermillion, with the portrait of Jackson, and the 5 cent blue stamp, bearing the bust of Taylor. These are quite common, being quoted respectively at $1.25 and $2.50 in unused condition, but special printing specimens of the two denominations are very scarce. Of the latter the 2 cent carmine vermillion stamp on hard, white paper is valued at $60, while the bright blue 5 cent stamp on the same paper is valued at the same figure.—From the "Inter Ocean."

"The most valuable postage stamps are not the rarest. The rarest stamp known is the so called two cent missionary stamp of the Hawaii islands —its value is now about $5000," says Edgar Nelton of Battle Creek, Mich., one of the best philatelic authorities in the country, who is attending the annual conventions of the stamp collectors at the Great Southern hotel.

"Some issues of English colonials bring higher prices," continued Nelton, "one stamp having sold for over $8000 in London about three years ago. It was bought by the Prince of Wales."

Mr. Nelton carries with him $14,000 worth of stamps of all sorts and sizes. He travels out of New York and deals in stamps. He has made the subject a study for many years. He just returned a few months ago from London and Paris where he reports an enormous business and where the collection of stamps is of more interest than here, as street auctions are held almost daily and fabulous prices are paid for stamps.

"All the first issues of stamps of Hawaii are rare, particualrly the two cent blue of 1851, of which only a few copies are known to collectors," Nelton continued. "Scarcely had the stamp been placed on sale when the general postoffice at Honolulu was destroyed by fire, and practically the whole issue of these stamps was burned. In 1897 a copy was sold for about $3600. A five cent blue stamp of 1851, used, is worth $360. This stamp is printed on thin paper, harder than tissue. It was used only on newspapers between the islands. Of the several specimens known to exist, Ohio has one—which is in the G. H. Worthington collection at Cleveland.

"The Prince Edward Island stamp of the date 1870, unused, can be bought for ten cents," said Nelton. "The used stamp is catalogued at $6, and there is not one on the original envelope known in America Many stamps are taken off the original covers and placed in albums, which many collectors prefer to keeping the stamps intact on the original covers. But, by removing them, they lose much of their value." -Columbus Citizen, July.

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REPORT OF EXCHANGE MANAGER. June 20, 1908.

It is with pleasure I announce the forwarding of the first circuit of this Department, but regret that so few members have taken advantage of the opportunities offered for the exchange of their stamps. I sincerely trust those participating will be lenient in their criticisms as we must have time in order to get everything running smoothly.

There have been received to date 17 books of a total catalogue value $130.49

I wish to thank those who have displayed an interest in this Department and hope more of our members will awaken to a realization of the benefits to be derived through the use of this exchange department.

I hope to hear from many members in the course of the following month.

Very respectfully,

Wm. E. Ault, Manager Exchange Department.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, JULY 15th. 1908.

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99 books, value	$2268.64
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DISBURSEMENT.

W. S. Aldrich claim for a damaged or substituted St. Helena stamp, which Trustees directed me to pay from the Insurance Fund	.40
Total amount on hand	$91 53

Last month's report is included in this month's report. On account of not receiving the June number of Official Journal, I had not prepared a report for the July number. Members not already on the different circuits and who desire to have their names entered, will please let me know.

Respectfully submitted, Charles Roemer, Supt.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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ence V. Webb, H. S. Powell.

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The above will be admitted within 20 days providing no objections are filed with the secretary.

DECEASED.

It is with sorrow that I must report the death of Bro. E L. Maxson, No. 14, Winter Park, Fla , which occurred in June. Since Grim Monster Death has seen fit to deprive us of Bro. Maxson, we lose one of our oldest members and a faithful worker of the S. P. A. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved friends and relatives.

Suspended by Act of Trustees:—200. R. E. Gerspacher, Grand Island, Nebr.

RESIGNATION RECEIVED.

279. Julian Park, 510 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Members.—I am sorry that I have to close my report earlier than usual and no doubt shut out some applications that arrive at a late date. The reason is due to the Secretary's absence for the week at the convention city, regardless of poor health. Ere this report appears all questions will be settled and in next month's issue a full report will be given. I hope to be able to meet many S. P. A. people.

Members now is your time to hustle for new members. How many may we expect from you next month? Plenty of application blanks to all for the asking. Let me hear.

Fraternally, R. L. Doak, Sec'y.

Autobiography of Yoichiro Hirase

I was born at Fukura, Swaji province, in Sept. 1859. During my boyhood, I attended school, and after finishing the whole course, I studied a few subjects under private teachers. In 1883, I was married to Miss Yasuko, Kashu and directly took charge of the business and agriculture which were the occupation of my ancestors. In 1888, I removed to the city of Kyoto with my family. Immediately after my removal, I became a member of "Kyoto Hakubutsukwai"—an association of men interested in natural sciences. Afterwards they recommended me to a position of a secretary which I still hold. Through the influence of Mr. Marshall Gaines, an American professor of natural science in Doshisha University and Dr. John Gulick I decided to study shells. At that time I had no experience in this work. I knew nothing about the shells, had nobody of whom to inquire, and no book to use. I was then almost in confusion about what to do.

Happily at that time, Dr. H. A. Pilsbury of Philadelphia and many other conchologists of Europe and America helped and my work began to progress by and by. I afterward tried collecting, but it is impossible for me to go all over the country by myself, though I did sometimes. For the purpose of collecting shells from four directions, I published a pamphlet called "Guide to Shell Collectors" and distributed them to the natives of different provinces. I supposed that I might receive from them many interesting species. The result, however, was not satisactory. Then I sent several assistants. They had to teach the natives the way and benefit of collecting shells, and I have the fresh supply from time to time from over fifty native collectors in different provinces. Thus my exploration has extended from Hokkaido in the north to Formoso in the south, without giving up even very small islands which are like specks in the ocean and also very dangerous valleys amid the shaggy mountains. Last year I extended my search in China and Korea. My further plan is to extend it all over Asia. The species I have collected reach over three thousand, among them 1000 new species and new sub species founded by myself. A number of genus, and species that are called after my name, such as Hiraseilla, Hirasea, and Hirasei. I was appointed a correspondent of the Academy of Natural Science of Philadelphia. They were going to hang my picture on the wall of the inside of the museum, which I feel is a great honor. The practice of the shell collecting in this country is not new, but we now have the scientific way. As for the classification and their names, they studied carefully. Many chapters are devoted to the descriptions of shells in old day books of natural history. Some of old sports which play, with shells, still remain. Among the old Conchological books, Mokuhachi and Kaishi are comparatively large works, which contain thousands of shell figures with their decriptions. These books are all hand written, appearing sixty years ago. Authors of that day even touched a little upon the study of land shells. Valuable specimens, however, are scattered, and we no know of no way to regain them.

My collection of shells reaches over eight thousand, including foreign species. However, I have no place to put them in order. In the one museum in this city, the collection is confined to the fine art specimens only. One part of my life work is to establish in this city an independent conchological museum to meet the pressing need of the public. The other is the publication of a complete illustrated book concerning Japanese mulluscs. It

is impossible for me to erect at the first a perfect museum. So my plan is to find a suitable portion of ground and erect there a small temporary building for the use of a museum, in the near future. I am perhaps unable to secure the ground in this year, for the fund in preparation for the land will not be available at present From the lack of a sufficient number of subscribers to my conchological magazine started from January 1907. I suffer no small loss monthly.

As for my work, I am absolutely independent in my financial position, while I have a very worthy helper, by name Mr. N. Koto, so the question in point is the question of dollars and centswhether I may fulfill my undertakings or not. There must be still more endeavor in this respect.

In religion I was born a Buddish, but in 1889, I was baptized and belong to "Heian Kyokivai," a congregational church. Now I am one of the founders of Kyoto Y. M. C. A. and last year I was appointed one of the directors of the association.

I have seven assistants who help me daily. They are all Christians except a painter. As they serve their duties faithfully, I can manage this most intricate work very smoothly, hoping daily the future accomplishment. In one of the largest and most influential papers, the Asahi, I was put among the famous hundred men for whom the editor gave word of praise in daily paper, introducing their acheivements to the public. On the paper of April 8th, an article concerning myself with my picture appeared with much praise. This is unfit to me to put such as I am among the prominent hundred of Japan. I am rather ashamed of it, for I have nothing in me that deserves such praise

But this proves that the people have become interested with the scientific observatons.

Mr. Edward J. Nankivell's weekly, "The Postage Stamps" has in its 23d number a portrait of Mr. Fred J Melville, the president of The Junior Philatelic Society of London. Mr. Melville is yet a young man, but a man he is. Having held the presidency of the Junior Society since 1899 the success is in a great part due to his tact and effort. On March 12, 13 and 14th of the present year this society held a stamp exhibition in Caxton Hall Westminster and had the gratification of counting n o e than 3000 visitors. The exhibition catalogue is a booklet of 88 pages and covers, and gives an idea of the high class of collections exhibited,and the excellent arrangement of the whole affair. The prize winners were all under 17 years of age and Mr. Alan C. Trott the winner of the 3d prize is only 12 years.

Mr. Melville has recently pubilshed two little books, one "Postage Stamps Worth Fortunes" at 6d and tne other, "The Postage Stamps of China" at 1 sh. The former is a booklet of 46 pages treating in alphabetical order the great rarities worth from $100 to $5000. It is well illustrated and should form interesting reading to anybody whether philatelist or not. Mr. Melville has published many other philatelic books, some of which have been mentioned in these columns before, as Melville's A. B. C of Stamp Collecting. Melville's Postage Stamps of the U. S. They are all cheap and within reach of everybody, none being priced at more than 65 cents, most below 30 cents. But they are worth their price every time and more. —Dorpat.

Collectors of Rarities Open Convention

The twenty-third annual convention of the American Philatelic association, meeting in conjunction with the Metropolitan and Southern Philatelic associations, the United States Revenue society and the State Numismatic association, opened Tuesday morning at the Great Southern hotel with a joint session, over which C. B. Duffy, president of the Columbus Collector's Club, presided. Addresses of welcome were made by Governor Harris, Assistant City Solicitor E. L. Weinland and President Duffy, followed by responses by officers of the several philatelic and numismatic societies.

Immediately following the joint session, the American association convened, and Opha Moore of Columbus, chairman of the credentials committee, announced the re election of the present officers, with the exception of Dr. H. A. Davis of Denver who resigned as secretary and is succeeded by H. S. Adair of Columbus.

At 1:30 Tuesday afternoon business sessions of each organization were held separately, after which the members, accompanied by the women visitors took a street car ride about the city. In the evening they will visit Indianola park.

The United States Revenue society elected Clarence H. Eagle, New York, president; W. S. Aldrich, New York, first vice president; A.G. Bishop, New York, second vice president; Charles A. Nast, Denver, secretary; Wililam T. Kimball, Springfield, Mass., treasurer.

The feature of the first business session Tuesday morning of the American Philatelic association, which is the parent organization, was the address of President John N. Luff of New York, who was unable to be present on account of illness, but who sent his address to be read. There has been a gain of 28 per cent in membership the past year, and the report of Treasurer H. G. Smith shows a net balance of $1800. About 125 members are attending the convention, the majority of whom belong to the other organizations also.

The smoker tendered Monday evening at the Great Southern by the Columbus Collectors' club was attended by about 200 members of the different associations. Edgar Nelton, a stamp dealer of Battle Creek, Mich., noted throughout the world as authority on stamps of value, entertained with a juggling act. A number of addresses were made and a male quartette sang. A daily paper will be issued by the local club every morning during the convention, which closes Friday.—Columbus Citizen, July 27.

The Stamp Journal of Denver, Colorado, deserves special attention, being devoted exclusively to stamps it gives considerable space to the discussion of revenues and envelope stamps, so that here we have a strictly philatelic journal of the broadest view. The whole make up of the paper is such as to appeal to the serious philatelist and its articles are of a scientific nature making them valuable far beyond the service of a pleasant pastime. As the publishers state they are losing money on the publication—which may easily be believed—collectors and dealers might do well to come to its support, for if there is any journal that merits it it is this one.

From Canada a new issue of adhesives, including due stamps, and "entires" is announced to appear on August 1st.

The Missing Album

By Howard Bannon

Everything was in confusion at Milford Academy. For several weeks the students had been missing articles from their desks, but when the boys complained to the Principal, he questioned and cross questioned them until they didn't really know whether or not they had locked their desks. Of course a boy forgets things sometimes. He might have left his ball out on the playground and pencils and knives have a strange way of losing themselves. But now Tom Anno's stamp album was gone. Only the day before he had purchased a new lock and put on his desk. When he came into the room during intermission to get his stamp album for the purpose of showing a friend some new stamps he had just secured a few days before, the precious album was gone. Books and papers were tumbled out on the floor in a heap. The drawers were taken out and the desk turned upside down, but no stamp album was to be found. After questioning all the boys thoroughly, the Principal concluded that there must indeed be some truth in the story and sent for a detective from Elton a city about ten miles distant. None of the boys were allowed to leave the grounds, their rooms and trunks were searched and they were treated more like criminals than school boys.

To make matters more tangled. Tom received a note, scrawled on a piece of wrapping paper, saying that the writer had seen Joe West take the album from the desk.

Tom and Joe had been the best of chums until a few days before the robbery, when they had had a bitter quarrel. But few of the scholars thought that Joe would be mean enough to stoop to such a low trick.

A little, half-witted boy whom the pupils called Silly Billy, and who stayed about the academy and did the sweeping and scrubbing, had seen Tom put the album in his desk, but as he had merely laughed, when shown the album and told that some of the stamps were worth several dollars, no one thought of him stealing it.

The detective came and asked questions, looked in out of the way places and did many strange things but still no clue of the missing album was found. After staying at the Academy for several days, the detective returned to the city saying that he would work up the case from that point.

The principal would not listen to any suspicions against him, but some of the boys came to believe that Joe West had actually stolen the stamp album and treated Joe in such a cold manner that he had about decided that he would leave the academy, though he knew it would be a great mortification to his parents for he was their only son and they had great faith in his career.

One morning one of the students George Andrews received word that his mother who resided at Elton was very sick and he left for that place at once. That afternoon as he was hurrying down one of the side streets he saw Silly Billy with a bundle under his arm dart into a pawn broker's shop. In a moment he saw him come out and hurry off down the street.

Wondering what Silly Billy could be doing in Elton and what business he could have in a pawn shop George concluded to enter and see if he could learn anything.

Old Moses the proprietor of the shop was deaf and did not hear George

as he opened the door and stepped in.

The old fellow was sittng with his back toward the door examining something. George looked over his shoulder and saw that it was the missing stamp a bum Slipping out at the door he called a policeman and told him the main facts of the case

The officer soon had the pawnbroker and Silly Billy in custody. They found that the boy was just as smart as any boy and what was more he was a first class thief Old Moses was found to be the boy's father. They are now serving terms in the state penitentiary.

Of course the boys who had suspected Joe West of the robbery hastened to make apologies and peace once more reigned at Milford Academy.

Potato Gum on Stamps

Washington, May 30.—Every time a person licks a United States postage stamp he gets a taste of sweet potato The gum with which the stamps are backed is made from that succulent vegetable because Uncle Sam's lieutenants consider it the most harmless preparation of the sort.

All of the gum used on American postage stamps is mixed by the Government at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, where the stamps are made. It is spread on the sheets after the stamps have been printed.

The gum in a liquid form is forced up through pipes from the basement where it is made. These pipes lead to a series of machines consisting of rollers between which the sheets of stamps are fed one at a time.

A continuous fine stream of the liquid gum falls upon one of these rollers. The sheet with its wet coating of sweet potato mucilage passes from the rollers into a long horizontal flue filled with hot air. When it emerges at the other end of the flue the gum is dry.

The Government makes two kinds of postage stamp mucilage. If one could see the packages of stamps as they come to the post office ready to be sold one would find them labelled, according to season, "Summer Gum" or "Winter Gum" The former is much the harder of the two and was devised some years ago to keep the stamps from getting sticky in warm, moist weather.

While Uncle Sam tries to make the lot of the stamp licker as innocuous as possible he does not advise making a meal off his sweet potato gum. The whole process of gum making and applying is made as clean as possible, but there is yet another item to be considered.

A sheet of postage stamps is handled a good many times before it even leaves the bureau where it is made. If you must lick any of your stamps pick out those from the middle of the sheet. The corner ones have gone through the fingers of half a dozen or more counters.not to mention the perforators and the separators and the rest.

The use of the reply coupon,it is said, will be discontinued with the reduction of postal rates to foreign countries.

A new special delivery stamp is being considered.

A new variety of the 1c 1902 3 series on green paper is in circulation.

The two cent claret envelope, among its other varieties,adds the letters "U," "N," and "I" with pointed tops.

Fiscal Department

I have attempted to fill the part of Fiscal Editor of the WEST and I will be pleased to receive notes at any time of new issues and of varieties not catalogued of old issues and all such sent me will be noted here with proper credit. F. A. Brown, East Peru, Iowa. Lock Box 7.

By courtesy of Mr. Longee of N. H we are able to list the following foils. All series of 1902.

1 oz. Virginia Leaf, Navy. Mayflower, Solace, Rose of Kentucky, Five (5) Cents, C. & S., Honey Dew, Century, Globe, Premium, Old Pilgrim Leaf, Peeler, Neptune, Fern Leaf, Sweet Cavendish, Gold Leaf

1 2-3 oz. Navy.

I have recently secured some Missouri Beer stamps which show that there has been at least three issues. The first was signed by Williams as Treasurer and Crenshaw Inpector. The second, I. F. Ginelich Treas., and Crenshaw, Inspector

The third, Ginelich as Treas., and Ernest Marshall, Inspector.

So we may add numbers as follows: Issue 1905, '08?—Colors and values as last—see WEST for Jan. 1908.

9.—9⅛ bbl—?—2 7-16c? 10. ¼ bbl, blue 4⅞c 11. ½, bbl, green, 9¾c. 12. 1 bbl, salmon 19½c. 13 Black on white no value—for use on beer sent out of the state—belongs to the first issue

A letter from Mr. Levick calls my attention to the fact that Nos. 31 and 32 as given in last month's west are identical. No. 32 should read Oct. 82, 1878 plain instead of Oct. 8, 1878 plain.

He says to the list also add 6A 4 oz black on brick, B Sept. 14, 1878, plain; and also 4A 1 oz black on yellow—A, Aug 9. 1878 plain.

In the June Journal (Denver) Bro. Nast no es that "Phenique Chemical Co." of St. Louis in 1898 issued six provisionals similar to the famous A. K. and Van Dyke Provisionals The values are ¼, ⅝, 1¼, 1⅞, 1½, and 3¾c values, type set in black on yellow paper.

He also lists a shifted die 5c playing card of the first issue. The following additions to the Springfield Stamp Club's Check List, No. 1 are noted: Lock Seals, 17a, black, blue, No's 21—Z—20 W—26 H, L. Z —28 H. Y. Z —29 A. B C. D. F.

Beer—19a, 50c Lake; 25a, 33 1-3 c maroon on white paper

The Springfield Stamp Club of Springfield, Mass., expect to issue a Check List of Tin Foil and Paper Wrapper Stamps, as side line No. 3 if you collect either communicate with Mr. J. Delano Barllett, Springfield, Mass

If anyone desires to know how interesting Mexican Fiscals are, write to J. F. Heartwell mentioning The Fiscal Editor, and send postage, he will start, your collection with 25 or more varieties of Mexican Fiscals. Write J. F. Hartwell, Long Beach, Calif. The Ficsal Dept. has been remembered twice by Bro. Brodstone, one from London, one from Paris.

Send along your notes to L. Bx 7 East Peru, Iowa.

Chicago had a machine postmark for 3d class matter. It bore the name of the month, "MAR" and the number of the year "1908," had eight bars and was 2½ c m. wide Instead of the usual circle there was a rectangle having "Chicago' above and "Ill." below in straight line and a blank space between. The control letter, or whatever it may be called, was a C, which was larger than usually.

Beginner's Department--Brazil

By L. G. Dorpat

(Continued from last issue).

The first issue was made upon the recommendation of the Brazilian consul at London, and was introduced by a decree of Nov. 29th, 1842 stating that they should be used one month after the 9th publication of the decree. Whether this happened on Dec. 29th or on Jan. 1st. 1843, I can not tell, but usually the issue is ascribed to the year 1843 Mr. Thiele in the "Adhesives" has the following to say about this issue: "An odd arrangement, one of the few cases of its kind, is that of the first issue of Brazil—the olho de boi, as they are affectionately termed by the Brazilian collectors; the name meaning "bulls eye," quite appropriately. The three values all come on the same sheet. There are ten horizontal rows of six in each sheet. The three upper rows consist of 30 reis (pr. va is) stamps; then come four rows of 60 reis stamps: the lower three rows are made up of 90 reis stamps. There are thus on each sheet 18 30 reis stamps, 24 60 reis and 18 90 reis. The stamps on the sheet were divided by lines forming rectangles; from various differences in these lines it would appear that there must have been more than one plate for this issue; some specialists assume three plates. It has been said that there are as many varieties as stamps; I doubt that they are real type varieties, as by all I can learn there was but one original die of each value Presumably the methods of manufacture in Brazil were a little crude at that time and it may have been necessary to retrench each transfer somewhat, which would account for the variations." I may add: Mr. Vieira states that the plates were of copper and are still preserved in the mint at Rio Janiero. The stamps were line engraved, a large part of the design being "engine work" and comparatively little by hand. There are two (or four) kinds of paper: bluish white or gray and yellowish or buff, thick and thin; the bluish paper is usually thin. Some authorities think that the difference of shade is a result of time and climate, others claim that the papers were different from the start; there seems to be no record to show which opinion is correct. Why the 90 reis should be worth so much more than the 30 reis, when both were printed in the same numbers, is hard to understand unless some of the 90 reis remained unused and were destroyed, but this is not expressed in any document extant. The Brazilians certainly showed originality in the making of this issue.

The 2d issue, of July 1st, 1844, is much smaller in size and different in shape and design, but also consists of a hand engraved numeral on an engine turned back ground. First only three values were issued as in 1843, but in 1845 46 four more values were added, 10, 180, 300 and 600 reis, and the 30, 60 and 90 reis reissued Mr. Vieira gives the following dates:

10 reis, black,	September	26,	1846,		30 reis black.	May	23,	1845	
180 "	"	"	"	"	60 "	"	"	"	"
300 "	"	"	"	"	90 "	"	"	"	"
600 "	"	"	"	"					

The paper of 1844 is thick and yellowish, that of 1845-46 thinner and bluish-grey. There are varieties of shade and varieties of worn plates.

The 3d issue was made January 1st, 1850 and consisted of the same values as before, but in a new design. On August 23d of the same year a 20 reis

was added. There is again the difference in paper, but less marked than in the second issue, and poorly printed copies are found of all values except the 300 and 600 reis. The 30 and 60 reis are also found in olive brown color, and the 10 and 60 reis in three different shades of blue, indicating different printng; the first blue stamp is said to have appeared on February 27th, 1854.

The 4th issue, June 2, 1861, is really only a supplement of the 3d, consisting of the new values, 280 and 430 reis These are of a new design though and are printed in red and yellow respectively, of which there are at least two shades each.

Some of the 3d and 4th issues, perhaps all of them, are found perforated. Mr. Vieira states: "At that time the postmaster-general was Mr Plinio de Souza, who, having seen in an English bank established at Rio Janeiro a perforating machine, ordered one for use in the post office. to perforate the coupons used for notices of reception and expedition of the correspondence. Mr. Lopes Aujo, head bookkeeper, acquainted the clerks with the manner of using the machine and allowed them to perforate the stamps, if they so chose. Some of the clerks, to expedite matters, got in the habit of placing several sheets at once in the machine, producing thus the irregular perforations that are so frequently met with. It is certain that the clerks perforated the 20, 30, 60 and 180 reis, to facilitate the retailing of these stamps, they being by far in greatest demand; it is not absolutely sure that the other values were so treated " They were sold at Rio Janeiro only. Any stamps perforated otherwise than 13½ are not of these, and must be considered as fraudulently perforated after having been used (or if unused after leaving the post office) to defraud collectors.

Some of the plates are steel, others, like the first issue, copper. To judge from the looks of the stamp I would say: the plates of the 2d issue are copper, and those of the 3d and 4th are steel. They or at least some of them, may be found at the mint at Rio Janeiro. So far as I know none have been reprinted nor do I know how many stamps were in a sheet; I presume though that there were a hundred, which would make them about the same size as the sheets of the first issue. Further I presume that a postage stamps up to 1866 were made in the government mint at Rio Janeiro by artists employed there; at present I have no means though to verify this assumption

Though the first four issues are very creditable to Brazil, if compared with other South American work of the same time, they were inferior to the work produced in the U S of North America: especially the 2d, 3d and 4th issues were unsatisfactory in appearance: there had been objections made even to the first issue, and an effigy of the Emperor was demanded. These sentiments, finally prevailed, but the Brazilian artists were not equal to the task, a portrait being much more difficult to engrave than a couple of figures. The American Bank Note Co of New York received the contract of supplying the required new issue, both on account of the excellence of its work and of the cheapness of it. The process of manufacture, of course is the same as in the other products of the company: steel engraving, 100 stamps to the sheet, perforated 12.

The 5th issue is credited to July 1st, 1863, and consists of seven values, 10. 20. 50. 80, 100, 200 and 500 reis, each of which has its own separate design, though the design of the 10, 100, and 500 reis are similar.

(To be continued)

Reviews and Comments

By Verna Weston Hanway

(American and English publications desiring an impartial review in this periodical will please forward specimen copy marked "For Review" to Miss Verna Weston Hanway, Lk Bx Dallas, Pa.)

The Stamp Lover, 44 Fleet St., London, E.C. edited by Fred J. Melville.

Not for a long while has your review editor had occasion to greet a new journal with such genuine pleasure as that now accorded to this delightful official organ of the Junior Society, London. Thirty-six large pages, brimful with interesting stamp reading, and the key note of the whole real, unaffected enthusiasm of the Isaac Walton brand,—this is the measure of one of the most pleasing philatelic magazines I have met with.

It would be an impossibility to list the contents of this first (June) number without unduly using up space, and an injustice to quote from the store of interesting reading afforded. Just a few titles are: "The Olympic Games," illustrated: The Stamp Lover's Library," dealing with the early catalogues of Mr. Mount Brown, and splendidly illustrated with an autographed portrait of Mr. Mount Brown, and facsimiles of the front cover of various of the catalogues; "The 'Interinsular' First 1d Stamp of the Bahamas," illustrated: "The Imperial Stamp Exhibition," illustrated; "Postage Stamps of Ceylon," illustrated; "The Penny Post of 1688," illustrated.

Amongst the variety of other matter, every line of which is excellent, one finds a great many items appertaining to the Junior Society, and its various branches. It is a safe wager that a good many applications for membership will go Londonwards, inasmuch as this splendid journal is absolutely free to members of the Junior Society.

The typographical appearance is most pleasing, but a bit foreign looking to my American eyes If it were possible to find fault with the appearance, it would be in the pages of advertising, scattered here and there amongst the reading matter: what O Henry calls "Reading Matter Next to Advertising."

If it is Mr Melville's ambition to lead us out of the rut we have fallen in—to be the Isaac Walton of Philately, in short, he will attain to it. A few years ago a man and an idea: today the Junior Society and The Stamp Lover:—Ave!

Let henceforth all talk of the American invasion of Great Britain cease! They have a most insinuating "way with them," these cousins of ours across the water. To strike a balance, to arrive at the sum and total of their offenses, would be very tiresome. Suffice it that the Great Gibbon's branch is waxing greater: that now this Stamp Lover,—the work of the Junior Society, if you please—has arrived to shame our American societies. We shall have to surrender. Who could withstand these tremendous assaults. American Philately is effete:—Hail to the British!

Query: What will be the philatelic result when,—a la Hobson,—our dear kinsmen, the British, aid Japan in taking our Pacific possessions, and in invading the Pacific slope, v a Canada? Poor, poor Uncle Sam!

The American Review of Reviews for July, says:—"Ocean penny postage has at last become an established fact. It was announced in London and Washington simultaneously on June 3 by Postmaster General Buxton

and Postmaster General Meyer that an agreement had been reached between the United States and Great Britain establishing a two cent per ounce postal rate on letters between the two countries, to take effect on October 1 next." The Review of Reviews also presents a likeness of Mr. Henniker Heaton, the Englishman who has devoted a lifetime to advocating cheaper postal rates.

Philatelic Esperanto, published by Julian Park, in the interests of the Esperanto Speaking Collectors of the World.

A commendable little journal of twelve pages is this Philatelic Esperanto, nicely gotten up, each copy numbered in ink, by hand. But 110 copies of the first number, (June) were printed and circulated, yet each copy will go a long ways towards introducing Esperanto among collectors. Some clever verse and a story, Esperanto news, E. S. C. W. matters, and some items of a philatelic nature make up its quota.

The Stamp Journal, 1627 Humboldt St., Denver, Colo. Chas. A. Nast, Editor.

The June number is not as large as preceding issues, which is excused on the editorial pages, on the plea of the conventions. Furthermore the editor says: "There are still too many collectors alive, to whom a silver quarter of a dollar looks as big as a cheese. However, we will pursue our past good work as soon as this convention is over, and should we never here receive the reward our efforts desire, you may enroll our name on the tablets of undying fame along with all the rest of the martyrs to a good cause."

We should not like to see the Stamp Journal thus martyrized. There are far too many worthy journals already canonized in the cathedrals of philatelists' memories.

Nebraska Philatelic Society.

Nebraska's Pride

ORGANIZED 1892 LARGEST STATE SOCIETY EXTANT.

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Auction Manager—R. Gerpacher	Grand Island Neb.
Trustees—W. Hendricks. Paxton Hotel; Hopson and Brown,	Omaha, Neb.

How many collectors of Nebraska or the west expect to be in Omaha during the Ak-Sar Ben festivities?

An old time "meet" is planned to take place during Ak-Sar-Ben week. No formalities; just a "get acquainted" affair.

Will you be there?

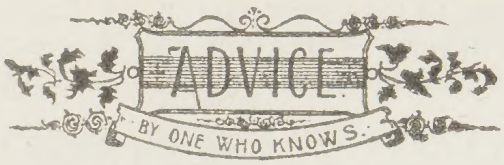
Announcement of the day will appear later. It has been suggested that the afternoon of the day on which the night electrical parade takes place would be a good time. Another suggestion is the evening preceding. What day would suit you best? Drop a line to the WEST about it.

E. H Wilkinson, President.

Meeting of western collectors scheduled for Omaha during Ak-Sar-Ben week.

Omaha collectors are planning to have a meeting of western collectors during Ak Sar Ben week. A large number is expected to attend. If you are planning to be in Omaha at this time, notify the WEST what days you will be there. Announcement of date of meeting will be made later.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



Questions relative to stamps will be answeres in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, returu postage must be included beside the fee above provided for.

L. G. DORPAT, Box 37, Wayside, Wis.

(Continued from last issue.)

424. Shall one collect new issues of stamps? That depends very much on one's position and aims. If one can get new stamps, as soon as issued, at face value or even below—as sometimes current issues are sold at a discount, it is undoubtedly advisable to take them, because in this way one can get stamps in perfect condition and at the lowest possible price. Cases in which unused stamps are sold below face value after they were retired from use, are rather rare and may be considered as exceptions; while on the other hand stamps usually increase in price—and sometimes quite naturally—after becoming obsolete. If, however, a collector be required to pay a very high price for a stamp but recently issued (as was once the case with the $1.00 U. S. Columbian which sold for $8.00), it is advisable not to be in a hurry about buying, since very likely these high prices are induced by speculation and will after some time drop to the natural level (the $1 00 Columbian is now obtainable for $1.00 to $2.00). Rather than buying new issues at high prices I would buy the oldest issues at long established prices. Besides that one should exercise judgment, considering if possible the number of stamps printed, issued, used and held in the hands of speculators and dealers.

425. Shall I collect stamps of all countries of the world or of the U. S. only? This is the old question of general collecting versus specialism and cannot be answered once for all. Whether one should collect the stamps of one country only, or the stamps of several or all countries depends on one's pleasure, ones' means, one's opportunities and one's intentions; hence the question may be answered in the negative for one collector and in the affirmative for another. For the beginner I would say: Collect all the stamps you can get, U. S., foreign, postage, revenue, and all, but study them as you collect them and do not pay more than ¼ or ½ of catalogue prices; get as large packages of as many varieties as you can buy; read the papers, see what other collectors are doing, and in time you will know for yourself what pleases you most or what may be best for you. These are weighty arguments both for generalism and for specialism, but one must know himself before he can decide what is best for him.

426. What do you think of collecting 20th century stamps only? If you leave away that last word of your question and say: What do you think of collecting 20th century stamps, I would say: I think it very good, because many of these stamps are easy to get, because they make a fine showing and because there will always for 92 years at least—be something new to add, perhaps some discovery to be made. On the other hand, if you really think of restricting the collection of stamps to those issued after 1900, I would say: Do not cut me off from my old pets from the venerable old pioneers in stampdom and the gems of which so much has been said and written. The old stamps are the ones that started stamp collecting.

427. What should a collector do with varieties of stamps that he can

not find mentioned in his catalogue nor provided for in his album? Well, if he does not know what to do with them, he may send them to me, and I should gladly find a place for them either in some unoccupied corner of my album or in some little book provided especially for "uncatalogued" varieties, or on a sheet on which I would make a note regarding the peculiarity of each particular stamp. I think though that a collector should rather do something like this himself and at the same time try to find out whether there is some other catalogue or album that lists his variety; possibly he may find that his uncatalogued variety is a rarity and worth ten or even a hundred times what the common variety is worth. Such an extra little book with uncatalogued varieties might after some time prove more attractive than a much larger collection in one of the finest albums.

428. Shall I collect the chalky paper varieties of British colonials? Why not, if you please to do it? In all probability there will always be some collectors who do and some who do not, just as some will regard the single watermark and the multiple watermark as a sufficient distinction, while others will not pay heed to this difference. I would not take great pains to obtain both varieties, but if I had them or could easily get them, I should certainly consider the difference important enough to retain or accept both varieties. Some values are rather rare in one or the other way, and as many collectors pay no attention to the difference there is a possibility of getting some rare stamps cheap by making the distinction

415. The two Swiss stamps "boy" and "Helvetia" are under reconstruction Albert Welti has just finished an improved design of the "boy," and L'Eplatlenier is at work improving "Helvetia.". So says the Oberaagauer Tageblatt quoted by Der Philatelist It will take some time before the improved designs can be issued.

429. Is it worth while to collect all kinds of philatelic papers? If your object is to form a practical working library, you need not bother with the majority of small ephemeral productions which were generally poor and contained little of lasting value; they are inconvenient for binding and consequently not very easy of access for reference. As, however, there are some collectors who aim at forming complete libraries of all philatelic publications, it may be worth while to preserve every little sheet that we may chance to have and to trade it off for something more useful, or, if it is your own aim to form a complete library of all publications, then you may find that some of the small and short-lifed productions are the hardest to get and it will certainly pay you to collect them when there is an opportunity, as that opportunity may never come again.

430 What stamp society shall I join? Do not join any, unless you feel the need of doing so Whenever you feel that need, join the one which is formed of members nearest like yourself and best fitted to provide for your needs Do not think either that the cheapest or the dearest society must always be the best, but consider your needs and the offers of the society and see which one you fit into. A general society like the Cosmopolitan Correspondence Club consisting of all kinds of collectors and many other people besides who are willing to aid their co members in all possible ways, may under certain circumstances prove to be the best. It is impossible for me though to pick out that society which will fit every body or any particular person unless I know exactly his characteristics, wants, offers, etc.

(To be continued).

The Junior Stamp Club of Denver, Colorado

Organized Oct. 19, 1906.

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Honorary President, Dr. H. A. Davis — 1622 Welton St
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Meetings: First and Third Friday in each month. Dues: 50c per year, payable in advance. Official Organ: WEST.

MINUTES.

The 35th regular meeting of the J S. C. of Denver was held May 1st, 1908, at 602 Nassau Bldg, with eight members and one visitor present. The meeting was called to order with Vice Pres. Skinner presiding Minutes of previous meeting approved as read. It was decided that $2 50 be taken from the treasury for entertainment and refreshments after the 36th regular meeting on May 15th same to be announced on the cards announcing the meeting. A committee of three was appointed to prepare the entertainment for the 15th, such committee not to conflict with any other entertainment. Members of committee are: C. M. Snyder chairman. W. A Greenbaum R. J. Jackson

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 after an enjoyable evening.

Change of Address: Bernhard Nelson from 3725 Franklin to 3546 Williams St., Denver. V. N. Garretson from 1816 Sherman to 2124 E. 17 Ave, Denver.

Robt Jackson, Sec'y Pro tem.

Owing to there not being a quorum present the 37th regular meeing was not held.

The 36th regular meeting of the J. S. C. of Denver was held May 15th regular time at Room 302, 1230 16th St With 16 members and one visitor present the meeting was called to order with President Nell presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Application of Donald Sargent 3239 Bert St., received. By suspension of the rules he was elected member No. 61 of the J. S. C. Bill against W. Maderis was placed in the hands of W. A. Greenbaum for collection Bill was received from the entertainment committee for $2 50 amount appointed at last meeting for a small banquet—same was paid.

A short speech was heard from H A. Davis on the question, that is now before congress, regarding the parcel post bill and the secretary was instructed to act and co-operate with the secretaries of several other societies, in aiding this bill to be passed.

The entertainment committee furnished quite a surprise on the members by the way they got up the refreshments. Three flavors of ice cream and several kinds of cake disappeared before the appetites of the seventeen resent. Meeting adjourned at 10 p. m., to meet again on the 5th of June. Dr. H. A. Davis offers a prize of one dollar to every member who has a perfect attendance record between now and the 1st of January, or to the member having the nearest record.

Yours fraternally. V. N. Garretson, Secy.

The 38th regular meeting of the J. S. C. of Denver was held June 19th

at room 302 1230 16th St. With all members present the meeting was called to order with Pres. Nell presiding. There being no minutes for the 37th meeting the minutes of the 36th were approved as read.

Mr. Greenbaum reported that Mr. Maderis was still holding out against the club and refused to settle his bill, and on account of the trouble and expense of taking same to court same was dropped.

The question of adjourning for the summer came up before the meeting and by a very close vote it was decided to have one meeting a month during July and August. After such vote was taken Mr. Garretson promptly resigned as Secy., on account of his going to be out of the city during the summer. Same was accepted only for the months of July and August and he to resume his office at the first meeting in Sept. Mr. Snyder was elected to fill his office during the summer. The election of Secy. Pro Tem was very close and noisy and it is the wish of the owner of the room and building that members be more quiet in the future. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 to meet the first week in July.

Yours truly, V. N. Garretson.

Philatelic Notes--By K. Nuck

The Puerto Principe issue of Cuba was only in use for about a month in that city beginning about the middle of December 1898 and continuing until the middle of January 1899. These stamps were used pending the arrival of the regular issue of United States stamps surcharged for use in Cuba.

Rhodesia No. 49 a two pound bright red, was not discovered for nine years after its issue owing it is supposed to the fact that it is of such high value. It was printed in 1896 by Waterlow & Co. from the plate used in 1891 but was perforated 15 instead of 14.

A copy of Sweden No. 223 has been sold for $140.00. This stamp is perforated 14 instead of 13. Five only of these stamps are known and all are concelled—"Westeras" and were used in October 1889.

The 1897 surcharge of Corea—Tai Han means Empire of Corea.

Cochin Anchal on the 1898 issue of Cochin an Indian state, means Cochin Postage.

It is said that faked copies of official stamps of Somaliland are being offered for sale.

A sure test to tell the 1870 lithoragphed issue of France from the other stamps of the same design is by the shading under the eye which slants downward from left to right in the 1870 issue and from right to left in the others.

The small B on the 1852 issue of France at the base of the neck is the initial of the engraver, Barre.

We are still sending out thousands of circulars and subscription blanks with specimen copy to kind friends who are doing their best to help us to a bigger circulation. We want every reader to see to it that his friends take in the WEST. Shall we send you post free a dozen or two, or fifty or a hundred to hand to friends and enclose in letters to collector friends? WEST, Superior, Nebr. We give commission on all received.

St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society



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Entertainment Committee	F. N. Chase, Chairman
Recruiting Committee	Geo. Wood, Chairman

The eighty-seventh regular meeting of the society was held in the usual place and time on Tuesday, July 7th.

The President was in the chair and the following members were present viz:—Bain, Chase Hopkins, Humes, Millhouse, Myers, Pokorny, Ritchie, Shellhorn, Schoeman, Wood.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read the report for the quarter and half year ending June 3rd. It was as follows:—

Average attendance at meetings 1st quarter	14¼
" " " " 2nd "	15
" " " " Half year	14 2 3
Average attendance for the first half of 1907 was 12	
Membership at commencement of year	45
New members elected	10 55
Resigned	1
Dropped for nonpayment of dues	3 4
Present membership	51
A net gain for the half year of	6

The recruiting Committee members secured the following applicatiions Wood 3; Myers, Humes 2 each; Chase, Cornwall 1 each.

With regard to the president's prize for the best attendance record; three have a perfect one not having missed any meeting, Millhouse, Pokorny, Ritchie Three have missed only one meeting, Chase, Schoeman, Voelker. And six have missed two, etc.

There have been six competions of countries, Denmark bringing the most entries, seven. and Sweden the fewest, three. The average being five

The entertainment was provided by the president in first a limerick contest which was won by Mr. Hopkins, second a list of ten questions calling for the countries upon whose stamps certain animals were found. This proved a tie between Messrs. Hopkins and Millhouse.

The librarian would be glad if the member who has "The Stamp King" in his possession would turn it in because others desire to read it.

The contest for the next meeting "25 most beautiful stamps" ought to be popular and result in the biggest number of entries to date.

The Entertainment Committee chairman announces that Mr. Walter Bain will exhibit his magnificent collection of "Match and Medicines" at the meeting following on August 4th. This will surely be something worth seeing.

Switzerland employs two American printing presses in the manufacture of its postage stamps and one German press, the latter for stamps in two colors. In 1907 the printers delivered 349,200,000 stamps in the postal administration, over one millon less than in 1906.

A Protest

By Chas. H. Jenney

Fresno, Calif , July 10, 1908.

The Philatelic West, Superior, Nebr.

Noticing in your last issue the resolutions of the Columbus Collectors' club with regard to petitioning the authorities to remove the law against illustrating U. S stamps, and that there seems to be a concerted effort to work this through, I wish to raise my voice in protest. Ten or twelve years ago this matter was given considerable discussion in the philatelic press and was fortunately allowed to drop. Now, the need of illustrations of U. S. stamps in our catalogues and albums is felt by no one but the younger collectors just beginning and those who are discouraged from collecting on that account would never have made good philatelists anyway. On the other hand, let life size illustrations be permitted for catalogue purposes and they will be used for other purposes and from impressions in black it is a slight step to impressions in color, and the first thing we know counterfeiting will be rife. Now the U. S. has always been the freest from counterfeiting of any country I know. Europe, on the contrary, has been a hot bed of it. And one of the reasons of our freedom form this evil is the strict enactment of the law against illustrations It is true that through ignorance, many newspapers and advertising pamphlets have at times transgressed the law but no one will aver but that when the government's attention has been called to the fact, action has been prompt and effective enough. Let us let well enough alone and not pave the way for a flood of counterfeits which will not only disgrace our hobby but menace its very existence. It is true that the restrictions on illustrating coins for catalogues was withdrawn a few years ago but the electro for printing a cut of a coin could never be used for pressing a coin in metal. The electrotype however, for printing a cut of a stamp is just as good, when made from a photograph, for printing that from as the original die. If anyone disbelieves this statement, I would refer him to the old Canadian Journal of Philately, Volume 1, Numbers 1 and 2, wherein are illustrated the first two issues of U. S. Stamps by photographic process and in their proper colors. These are printed on heavy calendered paper and even thus several of them if cut out and pasted in an album would escape detection as counterfeits; had they been on that of the originals an expert would be puzzled. Had they been of current issues, not a postmaster but would have passed them through the mails without a question.

It is at present allowable to print enlarged small sections of our stamps amply sufficient to illustrate differences of die and much better than a life size illustration of the full stamp would be.

In conclusion, let me repeat the warning to collectors who are favoring this move, that they are taking a step towards throwing away safeguard to their hobby and one that is likely to lead to many ill results.

The "Globe Trotter" No. 25 surpasses all its predecessors. It has 194 pages and covers. The C. C. C. membership numbers run up to 4918 in this issue, denoting an increase since January of 417 members.

Uncle John's Stamps

By George G. Dimick

To say that I was disgusted is putting it mild. In fact my state of mind will hardly bear delineation,—and the cause? A letter, which I had received several hours before,and an express package which had just arrived.

The letter was from an out of town attorney who informed me that, as executor of my deceased Uncle John's estate, he was shipping me, in accordance with the legal will, my share of Uncle John's possessions, which consisted of a collection of postage stamps. He also added that it had taken Uncle John many years to get together this representative collection and it was of some value.

You may think it rather strange that I should feel disgusted over the parting gift of a dead relative, but it is not strange considering the fact that I had known my Uncle only slightly having only seen him a few times in my life, and as he had always said that when he died his possessions should be divided equally among his few relatives, I had naturally had thoughts about my share, therefore, when I received the letter stating that Uncle John had willed me a collection of stamps as my share of his estate, my mind was in anything but a pleasant state, but when the expressman arrived with the collection, I was not long in arriving at the disgusted state referred to before.

I opened the package, that contained the collection, and soon had the stamps out on the table. The collection consisted of two volumes chuck full of stamps. There were stamps from every country on the map, and it seemed as though some new ones had been added for there were places represented that I had never known to exist. As I looked at the books lying open on the table I wondered what had ever possessed my Uncle to will me these stamps instead of property, surely he knew that I did not collect the things, and what on earth did he expect me to do with them? I had heard of school boys and the like saving stamps but Uncle John was the only man collector I had ever heard of, and I did not know that he collected during his life or I would have surely credited some of the rumors I had heard of Uncle John "being a little bit off", "slightly mentally unbalanced" etc., and I was tempted to give them consideration now as I thought of his willing the stamps to me It was true the lawyer had said that they were of some value, for I had never heard of a cancelled postage stamp being worth more than waste paper, although I had read newspaper rot about old stamps bringing high prices, but of course I did not credit it.

I thought the matter over for some time, but as these thoughts did not trend to put me in a good humor, I decided to take recourse in the evening paper, and I was soon absorbed in the yellowness of that sheet. I read all the news and then started reading the advertisements. in an absent minded way, when I was suddenly aroused as though an electric current had hit me, by a small ad in the Wanted column and this is how it read:—

Wanted—Postage stamps—I am traveling through the country gathering stamps for my collection. I pay the highest prices as I collect them and have no dealers profit to make. Let me see what you have. Persons interested call and ask for Mr. Carter at Merchant's Hotel.

I read the ad over several tmes before I awoke to the fact that it was

really true and then I nearly hugged myself, here was a way to get rid of the things and I marveled that there was another fool in the country as big as Uncle John. I then decided to pay Mr. Carter an early visit the next morning and in accordance with this decision I was at the Hotel bright and early the next morning with one of my albums, tucked under my arm and disguised in such a manner that none of my friends would suspect what it was I inquired for Mr. Carter and he was soon pointed out to me. I was not impressed with his looks but what could one expect of a person who spent his time collecting stamps? I approached him and, on telling him my business we retired to his room so that he could look the stamps over. I told him that the stamps were left me by a dead relative,and as I did not collect, I wished to dispose of them. He looked the stamps over for some time and then asked me various questons about how old Uncle John was, where he obtained the stamps,etc , and then surpised me by telling me that most of the stamps were rank forgeries and it was evident that my Uncle had been taken in by some grafter who had taken advantage of his advanced age. He then said that as most of the stamps were spurious copies, and as a purchaser took the risk of the seemingly genuine copies likewise being fakes, that they represented small value,but as I wished to dispose of them, and as such a collection of forgeries was of some interest to a collector like him, he would make me the liberal offer of twenty dollars for the lot. As I was greatly surprised by his previous information,and as I considered twenty dollars a good price for such a bunch of trash, I immediately took him up on his offer and was about to offer him the other album which I had left at home, when we were interrupted by a knock on the door Carter went to the door and it proved to be a telegram which he read hurriedly. He then explained that it pertained to a business matter which called him away and as he just had five minutes to catch his train he would have to excuse himself. He then handed me a twenty dollar bill, took the album,and left the room. I was somewhat nettled at not having disposed of all the stamps at once but thinking myself lucky to get rid of half of them I returned home.

Upon returning home I could not get the stamps off my mind and I began to think of them again. It had certainly been strange how Uncle John had been taken in. I had always heard that he was a very cautious old fellow, and that he had never been beat in a deal in his life, and the more I thought of it the more puzzled I became. I then began thinking of Carter, of his unprepossessing look, and of his hurried departure I had put the bill he gave me in my pocket and I now took it out, and fingered it in an absent minded manner, when I was struck by its peculiar look. It certainly looked different from any bill I had ever seen before and upon comparing it with some other bills I had I was soon convinced that there was something the matter with it. I decided that I would find out from the local bank officials if the bill really was spurious. Taking up the remaining album I began looking it over, and upon examining the stamps, I thought that they did not look like forgeries to me as many were stuck on the envelopes just as they had been mailed with the postmarks, etc. The more I thought the matter over the more convinced I became that I had been the one taken in and not uncle John.

(To be continued).

Canadian Revenue Stamps.

By K. Nuck

Canadian revenue collecting became popular among philatelists about seventeen or eighteen years ago. Before this very few collectors were interested in these beautiful stamps.

About 1890 many collectors of the postage stamps of Canada turned their attention to the revenues and commenced collecting them as a specialty. Later on collectors realizing the value and beauty of revenues took them up as the principal object of their collections. This cannot be wondered at for it is hard to find more beautiful stamps. They are beautiful from an artistic point of view and even noncollectors admit that they are very showy. They are large in size with a prominent central design; and are conspicuous by their brilliant colors and clear cut lettering and designs. A well known philatelist has said of these stamps that "they are the most handsomest fiscal set in the world." Some may dispute this but anyone who sees them always declares them to be beautiful.

Many collectors who get tired of the endless string of minor varieties in other branches of collecing will do well to turn their attention to these stamps. Minor varieties are of course to be found in Canadian revenues but they are not generally recognized but by collectors. The number of varieties is of course limited and for the most part are within the reach of the average collector. This is one thing in their favor for you can purchase for one or two cents a stamp that is just as pretty as the more expensive ones.

It will be found easier to complete one's collection of these stamps than to fill up the places in collecting regular postage stamps. A complete or nearly complete collection of any series of these revenues will prove a source of never failing interest to their owner. Aside from the mere collecting of these stamps it will be found to be very interesting as well as instructive to study the cause, purpose and manufacture of these stamps. The collector who makes a thorough study of the history relating to these beautiful revenues will I am sure be amply repaid for his trouble. Aside from the knowledge thus to be gained an increased interest will be taken in the collection if one knows all the history of the stamps in question. One will thus see that for both the collector who collects simply to amass as large a number of stamps as possible and also for the specialist who makes a careful study of the stamps he collects, that the collecting of Canadian revenue stamps wil prove of great interest. In the next issue of the "West" I will try and give some further particulars about the fiscals, and trust that this brief article may arouse a greater interest in these beautiful stamps and new recruits may be had to join the ranks of revenue collectors.

In the Jersey City Postoffice one man spends his entire time searching the directory to find the street and number which the card was destined for by the sender, nearly one half of his time being taken up readdressing cards which were refused by factories owing to the loss of time occasioned by their examination by employees.



A Postcard Collector Abroad

By An English Collector

Posting foreign cards from abroad is the collector's summum bonum of happiness. At last it is possible to repay in kind all those generous friends who when on their travels, have remembered our collections; and the necessity of communicating with one's family becomes a pleasure, since the picture-cards, nicely chosen as appropriate to our own albums, will be duly waiting our return home. To post a foreign picture-card was my first thought after landing at England, and in the excitement of the moment I purchased a packet labelled "Views of London," many of which afterwards proved to be views of Jersey!

It is very convenient to get both the cards and stamps at the same shop, which is usually a tobacconist's; and I became quite unblushing in entering those masculine haunts. Often you may be provided also with bad ink and a worse pen; at Dol, on market day, I had to wait ever so long for my cards, while all the loud women in their quaint caps had their snuff-boxes filled.

Abroad, the collector (one always imagines the individual must be a fellow collector) also writes addresses wherever he pleases. Not one is a bit surprised when you sit, as I did on the steps on the street, addressing picture postcards. The Boite aux letters was exactly opposite, and the street so narrow, that I could almost have put my cards in without getting up.

Mont St. Michael was the only place in Normandy I visited. I should much have liked to see Caen and its abbey church of St. Nicholas, built by William the Conqueror as a penance for having married within the forbidden degrees of relationship. However, one cannot go everywhere, and my tour was especially to South Brittany and that unfrequented district, the Morbihan, with its wild moorlands, and the strange prehistoric monuments scattered everywhere. No one needs any longer conjecture as to the purpose of the mystic "Stone Rows" Menhirs and Dolmens,—they were preserved from

time immemorial to make subjects for picture post cards! The best are to be got in Carnac, where the museum, and the little shop on Mont St. Michael (Carnac) have the monopoly of the sale—which is worth remembering, as these establishments are not always open.

The Breton cards have the official information on the front in Breton:—

"Unvaniez Post ar bed,

War an tu-ma na vez skivet nemed an adress."

Queer looking stuff! is it not? and to think that this is a language spoken in classic France, with its clippings accents! By the way, I have never seen a Welsh card with the wording in Welsh, though Brittany is far more French than Wales is English. They have a pretty style of card there with a scene, or figure, and a verse of poetry upon it—a sort of ready made sentiment, as one doesn't feel it possible to write anything more. Of these I added to my own collection one with an old dame and her spinning wheel, to recall the real "spinsters" I saw with their wheels at the cottage doors near Auray.

At Quiberon the cards illustrate the sardine curing, which, if once smelt, can never be forgotten. But no black-and white picture will do justice to the lovely coloring of the harbor with blue sea, blue sky, and blue trawl nets hanging like veils But there are not many colored cards to be picked up in Brittany, though those that are sold are very nicely tinted in a delicate fashion, which looks like hand coloring. Quiberon, like all coast towns has its "rough sea" card—the wild, breaking waves we all admire so much from a distance, but which we prefer should only cross the Channel on a picture post card.

TWO OLD COINS WORTH $62,00.

Six thousand and two hundred dollars was paid for one $5 and one $10 gold piece at auction in this city Wednesday afternoon. Both were coined privately, but were at the time of their issue legal money, containing the required weight of virgin gold. Both are excessively rare, there being only two specimens of each extant. The other two are in the museum of the United States mint in this city.

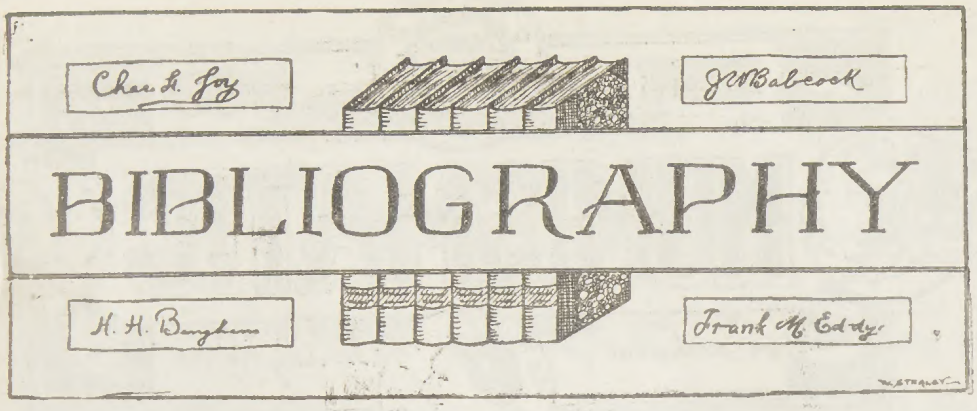
J. J. Conway & Co. of Georgia Gulch, Col., coined the $5 that brought $3,200. It bears the date of 1861. The other coin was stamped by the Cincinnati Mining and Trading company of California in 1849. It was bid in for $3,000

Both coins were in the collection of the late Thomas H. Windle of Coatesville, Pa.

The California $10 coin had not been owned by Mr. Windle long before his death. It was bought for him by Henry Chapman at the sale of O'Hagen collection in London for about $2.100. The bidding for the two coins that were sold separately was very earnest, the bid for each being started at $2,000 by Mr. Chapman. Mr. Elder, a New York numismatist, was the chief competitive bidder.

The famous collection of one cent pieces owned by F. D. Taylor of Pittsfield, Mass., was also sold, and commanded excellent prices. There were 259 one cent pieces that brought all the way from $1 to $55 each.

At least twenty of them brought more than $20 each, and many more brought above $10 each. There were also forty-two half cent pieces that brought fancy prices, $45, $42, $27, and $22 being the largest.



Remainder Book Bargains

Three years ago I bought for 18c a book of which other copies are catalogued by second-hand booksellers at $3 today. "Nothing remarkable about that?" you will say "That is no great shakes in the way of a second-hand book bargain!" Yes, but the point is that my 18c book was not second-hand when I bought it: it was new, it was clean and perfect as a new pin, it had only been published two years; only three hundred copies of it had been printed, and the type had then been distributed; it consisted of 130 deckle edged crown-octavo pages, bound in cloth, gilt. I bought it at a Remainder bookseller's.

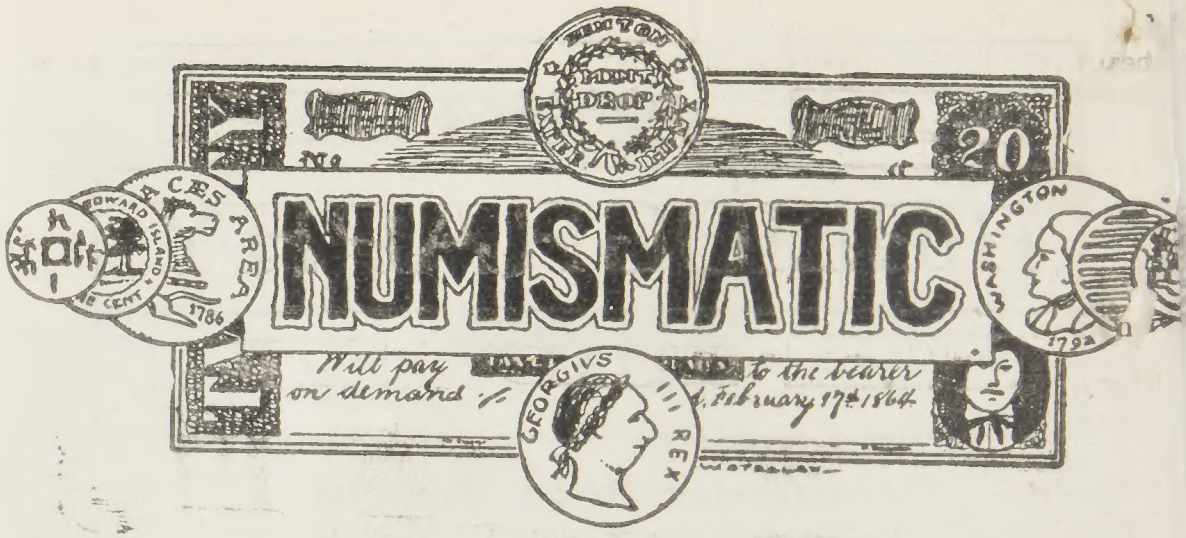
It was one of a score or so of copies of the book which had been cleared out of stock and store by the publisher. The publisher thought that the book had ceased to sell; orders for it had ceased to come in: he did not suppose that the book would become valuable by keeping; he wanted shelf-room in his warehouse; and therefore he sold off the "remainder" of the edition for, I daresay, six or eight cents wholesale. But such are the whims and odd movements of the collecting world, that soon afterwards, the book began to be asked for, and as the publisher had none left, and only a very limited number of copies in all existed, up went the price of a second-hand example of it to three dollars, and before long it will be up to five dollars, I daresay. I bought it for eighteen cents because I saw it offered for eighteen cents, in the catalogue issued by the Remainder bookseller; and I counsel my readers to keep a watchful eye on such catalogues themselves.

Such a catalogue now lies before me, issued a week or so earlier than the date at which I write Out of some hundreds of offered books all new and perfect in condition, all remainders, and all selling at much less than the original published price, I selected the following items:

(1) Mezzotinters (British) – Edited by Alfred Whitman, of the Print Room, British Museum; in 3 cr. 4to vols., comprising: Valentine Green, by A. Whitman, with 6 photogravure plates; James McArdell, by Gordon Goodwin, with 6 photogravures; and Thomas Watson, James Watson, and Elizabeth Judkins, by Gordon Goodwin, with 6 photogravures. 3 vols, cr. 4to, buckram.—Bullen. Published at $15. net. The 3 vols now offered for $6.50.

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OLD COINS OF AMERICA

"By permission of Harper Bros., from Harpers Weekly."

(Continued from last issue)

There is a piece known as the "Kentucky" cent, or copper, but called so without reason. The ground for the name appears to be that, in the pyramid of States on the obverse, Kentucky happens to be uppermost. It was struck in England and is a fine specimen of coinage

There is extant a token of P. P. P Myddelton, with the legend, "British Settlement, Kentucky, 1776." Whether it was ever used in America, or is only an English token is doubtful, and persons possessing same would like to be heard from. Probably it was struck and circulated only in England for use here.

WASHINGTON TOKENS AND CENTS.

The head of the great patriot had, of course, formed the subject of more or less numismatic art in England and America. For it must be borne in mind that the American market was the constant spur to English labor, and that the necessities of this country, in the matter of coin, were thoroughly appreciated by ingenious artists on the other side.

In 1783 the "Washington and Independence" tokens made their appearance. These must not be confounded with Washington cents of later issue (1791 and 1792), of which we shall presently speak. It does not appear that any of these tokens obtained extensive circulation, nor that they were used at all as money. They are interesting, however, as relics of the times in which they appeared, and as indicating the respect and veneration paid to the illustrious Washington by his contemporaries.

Of the tokens of 1783 there were four varieties of which all four are extant. They may be distinguished easily thus: The first is the Washington and Independence token, with a large head laureated, and the reverse a seated figure, the legend being the words United States. The second is similar on the obverse, but the reverse resembles the cent of later years, the legend being One Cent in a wreath and around the wreath the words Unity States of America. The third has a small head on the obverse and in other respects resembles the first. The fourth has a small head on both sides, the legend on one side Washington, on the other side One Cent. A very little

beautiful token in brass also appeared at or near this period. They were issued in different sizes but the legends and devices were all alike.

When a national coinage was devised, the European custom of placing the head of the ruler on the coin, of course suggested the idea of placing the bust of Washington on the American coins This idea led to the production of the much p ized Washington cents of 1791. Young collectors will do well to bear in mind that the tokens of 1783 are not to be confounded with these.

The cents of 1791 were made in England. This is evident from the character of the dies and specimens of the coins now extant. They were issued in different sizes and forms of devices.

A copper piece, bearing the date 1792, and commonly known as a Washington cent is found in some collections and highly prized. It differs materially from the cent of 1791. bears another legend and a different head, and has no mark indicating that it was intended for a cent. This coin has been claimed as the work of one Peter Getz, of Philadelphia. In neither 1791 nor 1792 did these coppers go into circulation. They were offered as patterns for the national coinage, then under discussion, and met the decided disapprobation of Washington.

The piece of 1792, we are of opinion, was originally designed as a pattern for silver money and copies existing in copper are to be regarded only as medals. It was struck in silver, and the few specimens in the metal now existing are the highly prized Washington Half-dollars. Some were struck over worn English pieces. The only copper coin of 1792, which can with propriety be called a Washington cent, is a rare coin with the words Washington President around his bust, and 1792, on the obverse, and having a reverse similar to the small eagle cent of 1791, with the word Cent over the eagle.

Altogether there are some nine or ten varieties of what are commonly called Washington cents of 1791 and 1792 All form interesting memorial of the great and good man whose name and portrait they bear. Other coins appeared at about this time, or a few years later, bearing the name of Washington, and although in order of date they were mostly preceded by the regular American copper coinage, it is well that we mention them in this connection. They were of English origin, and struck, apparently, for use there. One resembles closely the Washington cent of 1791, on the obverse, so closely, that we have no doubt the same artist produced it. The legend around the bust is the same. and on the obverse is a ship with the legend "Half-Penny," and the date 1793 The edge has the words "Payable in Anglesey, London, or Liverpool." This coin would seem to be conclusive in establishing the foreign origin of the Washington cent of 1791. Another variety of the coin has no date on the reverse, but two branches of leaves under the ship.

Another English token was issued with a head of Washintgon and on the reverse a grate. This is called the Washintgon Grate cent or token, and was issued by Clark and Harris, a firm whose name it bears. The die is doubtless still preserved in London as fine proof specimens were made to order in any quantity some years ago It is a coin of little interest, and only to be noted as a compliment paid to the American patriot by an English house or tradesmen. The legend around the bust is "G. Washington,

the firm friend to peace and humanity.

In 1786 the Congress of the U S. established a mint. Its first and only issue of many years was the Fugio or Franklin cent, so called, which was extensively circulated A pewter or lead cent had made its appearance in 1776, specimens of which are exant now, and seems that the Fugio cent was in some respects modeled on this coin. The name Franklin cent, seems to be given this coin because of the pithy advice in the legend, (Mind your business), which sounds like the great philosopher And he did suggest, in some of his letters, that such sentences should be adopted on our coinage. There is, however, no evidence, that he had anything to do with the Fugio cent, or its devices or legends.

This copper was coined in great quantities. In 1859 a keg filled with them was found in the vault of one of the New York banks where it had quietly reposed for half a century or more. It is probable that at about this time the Bar cent, as it was called was produced as a pattern. It never went into circulation, and specimens are now highly prized. Many different patterns were thus used, and produced till finally the big coppers issued by the government were the only ones accepted for currency. Of these quite a few varieties exist. They were discontinued in 1857 together with the ½d pieces.

SOME ROYAL HOBBIES.

One of the few things which connect kings and commoners is a love of a common hobby: and though Royalties can usually indulge their fancy to a greater extent than ordinary mortals, yet the knowledge of having a pursuit in common does more than anything else to make the hobbyist, whether sovereign or subject, feel akin. Moreover, so many hobbies are indulged in, or such varieties of objects collected by Royalty, that almost every collector will find his particular craze shared in by some member of the Royal Family. Thus, Queen Victoria collected so many things—among them picture postcards—that a whole article would not suffice to do them justice The late Duke of Edinburgh was a great collector of stamps, of which his nephew, the Prince of Wales, is also an ardent collector, and it is even said that little Prince Edward of York, has already shown a strong interest in his father's hobby. King Edward's tastes lie, I believe, more in the direction of sports, of horse-breeding and cattle rearing, etc. At any rate His Majesty is a keen pigeon flyer, and a successful one to boot For in the long distance race from Lerwick, in the Shetland Isles, in 1899, the King competed with other pigeon trainers, and the royal bird won the race. The bird was a good typical example of a homer, with all the characteristics of a good flyer. The Prince of Wales also takes much interest in homing pigeons. One of Queen Alexandria's hobbies is a love of photography which is exemplified in a very pretty picture taken with a Kodak camera, of her grandchildren—a very pleasing example of a royal hobby.—E. W. Richardson, in The Picture Post Card and Collectors' Chronicle.

A most interesting collection of cuttings, pamphlets, and books relating to balloons and aeronautics has just been placed in the new Library of the Victoria and Albert Museum at South Kensington, where any of our readers interested in such matters may study them.

Fads of Collectors

An odd collection is to be sold soon at auction in Paris. It is a collection of cigars including several hundred brands and all varieties of shapes, qualities and prices. There are cigars in it from 2 cents to $5, and ranging in size from tiny cigars to be smoked between the courses of a dinner to one as big as a man's arm, made for show purposes. The specimens are kept in airtight cases and the total value is appraised at several thousand dollars.

The announcement of the sale has led to a general discussion of queer collections in Paris. The Gaulois tells of one man who has a collection of trouser buttons representing every noted tailoring establishment in every great city in the world.

Another collector makes a specialty of announcements of deaths—the circulars which in Continental countries are sent by mail to the friends of the deceased. His collection embraces many departed celebrities and many varieties of form in expression and in typographical style. To complete the array he has his own death notice in proof ready for the date to be filled in.

Collections of visiting cards are not uncommon. An Italian nobleman is said to have one of 20,000 pieces, including practically every celebrity of the last century.

Railway tickets, theatre coupons and street car transfers are also preserved by many. Playbills are, of course, kept in France by enthusiasts for the stage as they are elsewhere.

A ghastly collection was that of Deibler, the last executioner of Paris. He kept the coats thrown over the shoulders of his victims as they took their last short walk to the guillotine. All were neatly labeled in red ink, with a brief account of the crime and any characteristic incident of the execution.

Some Germans collect the smaller denominations of paper money, not with reference to the rarity of the issue, but to variations in the tint of the impression. There are rooms papered with fractional currency as well as with postage stamps, used and unused, arranged in patterns according to color.

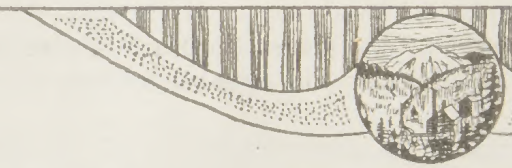
The French poet, Georges Courte line collects pictures. That does not sound uuusual, but his collection is. His whimsical fancy is to gather all that he can find that is worst in painting, etching and engravng. He takes great joy in his treasures as the most remarkable display of human bad taste and ineptitude in the entire world.

Baron Oscar de Watteville also plays a variation on a common air. He collects pipes, but not from a smoker's point of view, since he smokes only cigars.

His pipes are either relics of celebrities or else they have some historical or anthropoligic suggestion. He has pipes taken from graves, pipes dug upon battlefields, and pipes of all countries and races, as well as in every conceivable material. Some are ornamented elaborately, but that is a mere incident; a common clay pipe is as precious to him as a silver mounted meerschaum, provided there be something characteristic about it.

The story comes from Wallingford of the discovery in the old town "blind house" or dungeon of a life-sized oil painting of a Jewish priest with ephod, girdle and breast-plate. Tradition says that Wallingford was once a noted Jewish settlement.

MINERALOGY



EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles, etc to this Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive Mont., will be answered as far as possible in this dept.—Forest Gaines]

The scarcity of tin ore in the world is a fact often commented on. While the known gold fields cover over 1,500,000 square miles of the earth's surface, the located tin fields have an area of only about 12,500 square miles The seven tin districts of Europe produce about 8300 tons yearly, with 8,000 tons of this credited to the Conwall miners. Asia has two tin districts in Hunan China, said by some to yield 10,000 to 20,000 tons annually but proven to yield less than 2,500 tons per year; and the tin mines of the Straits Settlements and adjacent territory, the richest in the world, yielding 58,000 tons yearly. Africa has no known tin mines: North America has no paying mines; South America mines less than 4,000 tons per year in Bolivia and Peru, and Australia contributed about 6,000 tons a year.

There is a mountain of dark brown basalt on the Columbia river nearly 2,000 feet in height and stretching along the stream for six or eight miles. When the first white settlers came into the country, the Indians told them that this mountain was traveling; that some day it would move across the Columbia and from a lake which would reach from the Cascades to The Dalles. What the Indians said has been found true in some respects, for the mountain is really in motion, its movement being forward and downward. The railroad builders who constructed their line along the base found the tracks continually forced out of place. In some places the movement has amounted to eight and ten feet in a few years. Geologists attribute the phenomenon to the fact that the mountain rests on a substratum of conglomerate or soft sandstone, which is steadily being washed away by the current of the big river.

In Iowa, near a little place called Decorah, in Winneshiek county, they have a typical ice cave, said to be the finest specimen of that class of caverns to be found anywhere in the Mississippi valley. It has been known for upwards of fifty years and was first scientifically described by the White geological surveying party, in 1869 To this Iowa oddity the evaporation theory of ice caves is especially applicable. The walls and roof are very near to the surface, the latter being at no place more than 25 feet below the level of the surroundings. One fact which goes a long way toward establishing the truth of the rapid evaporatin theory as applied to ice caves in gen-

eral is that where the walls of Winneshiek's natural ice house are the thinnest, the accumulation of ice is the thickest The floors and base of the walls are the only places where ice can be found, and there only during the very warmest portions of the year, the supply being greatest in the months of July and August. In White's geological report, 1870. he says: "The wonderful Winneshiek ice cave is about 100 feet in length, taking all its windings into consideration.

Auckland, New Zealand

It is claimed for New Z aland that it is the "Garden of the Pacific," and rightly so, and undoubte lly Auckland is the finest city in this same "Garden of the Pacific.

The visitor is impressed as he sails up the beautiful waters of the Waitemata (pronounced Yt ay mat ah) with the superb natural situation and beauty of the city. The visitor naturally wants to "see the sights". so after landing at Queen St., he boards a car and is soon whirled up this street, which is rather a nice one; and proceeding, we are impressed with the absence of (they have earthquakes here) but instead have some fine buildings in Ferroconcrete Have you a library here, asks my friend: Oh yes, we have just about there. And as we arrive at the junction o' Queen and Wellesley streets, we leave Queen and journey up Wellesley and pass by a fine block of municipal buildings which contains a free public library, museum, civic offices etc., and get our first glimpse of one of Auckland's many parks. This is situated right in the heart of the city, and commands a fine view of the surrounding city and shipping. Leaving Albert park we take a Mt. Eden car to visit the extinct volcano, and we have every evidence of what vast destruction was done in the days before the "Paheka" came. mineature craters. immense rocks and small rocks having the appearance of sponge or a large piece of coke, showing their contact with heat. Yet around the base, and on the terraces are built most beautiful mansions, with well kept lawns and gardens, not giving any thought as to possible danger.

This is the most healthful suburb of Auckland. What a beautiful panorama opens up before us Away to the North are the hills, railway winding, showing signs of prosperity and peace To the west—the glorious rich looking west, with its scenes of life, beauty and plenty; the far famed one-tree hill and Cornwall park are easily discernible, and lend a picturesqueness to the scene We turn our eyes toward the southeast and behold the Queen City of the South, a city rich in natural beauty with its spacious waterway so well sheltered from the storms—what a harbor it is—looking over the harbor we see the part of the city known as the North shore, a fine holiday resort, while beyond this we see another extinct volcano Rangitoto, a fine sight and sure guide to mariners From here the country for a good distance around will be a well known land mark to the boys of the U. S. fleet as the vessels will pass close to it and anchor near There are a great many places of interest to the visitor, but I have only touched on a few and in my next article will deal with Rotorua the Wonderland.

Suggestions and ideas are always welcome.

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CORRECTION.

78. S. S. Kuzuhara's, address in last issue of WEST was incorrect It would be as follows: S. S. Kuzuhara, Osaka, Fu Tondabayashi, Japan.

NOTICES.

71. Miss Anna M. Dungan. 603 N. Second St., Philadelphia will be unable to exchange cards until after Sept. 10, '08

48. Edna May Carroll, Box 84, San Marcos, Tex., will hereafter exchange with foreign members only.

1. Arthur Sodersurum will leave for a trip through Colorado during August and will be unable to answer any cards until his return.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

14. Walter C. Nielson from Tyler. Minn., to Box 174 Sharon, Wis.
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LONDON MAKES FINEST POST CARDS.

"The finest souvenir post cards are made in London and not in Germany as most people imagine, although most of the cards received in the United States come from Germany," said Edgar Nelton the postage stamp expert, who was in Columbus from Battle Creek. Mich., attending the national philatelic convention at the Great Southern hotel.

"The artistic and educational features of some of the cards," continued Mr. Nelton, "are worthy of one's time for study. There are some of them with pictures of birds and animals beautifully colored and scientifically correct, thus making them an excellent study for children".

Asked if the fad was losing favor with the American people, Mr. Nelton said:

"No, indeed It was started in Europe many years ago and was first introduced into this country by a New York stamp dealer from Germany, R. F. Albrecht He began printing picture post cards in 1896, but failed in business and later returned to Berlin. Albrecht was ahead of the times."

When asked if he could estimate the number of picture post cards used in this country, or the extent of the business, Nelton shook his head and replied. "You might as well ask me to count the sands of the sea—there are billions and millions of them printed every year."

The advertiser, who expects immediate returns, like the girl who pays if she wins, gets talked about. —Rusty Mike's Diary.



EDITOR S NOTE The editor of this department would like to receive papers, magazines books, etc. dealing with the subjects of Archeology and Conchology for review; also would appreciate clippings or accounts of discoveries along the lines of Indian relics and shells. Proper credit will be given. Address. W. Straley. Nelson, Nebr.

Charles Hopkins. R F D No 4. Speedville, Tenn , the Indian relic and curio dealer, sent us a few arrow and spear heads found in the Blackwater valley at the foot of Newman's Ridge—they were of various kinds of flint, assorted shapes and the workmanship most excellent. He also included a number of Pentremities Florealis (Carboniferous) which were found on Newman'sRidge at the noted pentremite bed two miles east of Sneedville. These beautiful well shaped fossils make a most interesting addition to the cabinet of the student collector.

The following paragraph clipped from the Hughes (Texas) Headlight concerning Indian relics in the possession of an acquaintance of bygone days will be of interest to collectors: "Mrs E C. Perry is in possession of a string of beads taken from an Indain grave which was found on a mountain north of town. The string measures 25 feet in length and does not represent all of the beads found in the grave. Besides the beads, a tomahawk, some silver ornaments and a Catholic medal bearing a Latin inscription were unearthed."

An exchange says: "Copper prospectors and miners are opening up the ruined forts, villages and canals of a vanished race of men that once peopled the rock-walled meadows of southern Utah."

It now comes to light that curara, one of the deadly poisons, and that with which South American Indians anoint their arrowheads, has been found very helpful in the treatment of hydrophobia.

E E. Blackman, of the Nebraska State Historical Society, recently discovered near Tekamah a buried site of the Indians. The grave was six feet square and two feet deep, and was covered with an 18 inch layer of burnt clay, and contained the skeletons of five Indians. A copper finger ring and some beads made from horn and shell were also found.

The Prince of Wales has presented at the Royal Cornwall Institute the valuable collection of thirty new gold coins found at Trembraze Farm, near Liskeard. The coins were claimed as treasure tive, by the Duchy of Cornwall, of which the Prince of Wales is the Duke.

How to Collect Fossils

By L. C. Sparks

The chief thing in the makeup of a successful collector is a good pair of eyes, the next thing is the habit of observing closely and accurately, the next, a knowledge of the objects collected; and finally perseverance.

The tools of the geological collector are few and simple. A good steel hammer with a rather long poll and a straight pein also a light cold chisel should always be carried. With a little practice and some care the collector will soon be able to extract fossils forms from the solid rock with these two tools.

A basket or sack for carrying the specimens collected, one or two cigar boxes, two small, wide mouthed bottles, two newspapers, a note book and pencil and a magnifying glass usually complete the outfit.

Very delicate specimens should be placed in the bottles, less delicate in the cigar boxes and the large specimens in the basket. Always use an abundance of newspapers for protecting the specimens. Wrap each separately so that none will be scarred or broken

The note book is very important. A geological collection without full data is scientifically useless A perfect record of the place and rock formation also of the associated species should always be kept of each specimen.

It is usually best not to attempt to clean specimens or free them from the matrox while still in the field. This is best done in the labratory.

Fossils covered with clay and dirt may be cleaned by washing in warm water and scrubbing with a tooth brush or small nail brush. A tooth pick or pin may be used to clean out small openings

A bath in hot water containing a small quantity of sal soda will whiten the specimens The writer usually dries his specimens on a hot stove, thus removing iron stains.

Should the matrix shale, chest or rock be clinging to a specimen it is best to carefully note the lines of cleavage of the matrix. If it breaks easily and clear of the specimen the latter may be extracted by means of a knife or a pair of pliers, the matrix being flaked off little by little until the specimen is free. If however, there is danger of breaking the specimen, then leave it alone, for it is far better to have some rock attached than to have a broken specimen Should the matrix be of limestone and the fossil of silica the latter may be extracted by use of commercial muriatic acid. Test both the fossil and the matrix with a drop of acid if both effervesce then do not use the acid form or the fossil will be destroyed as quickly as the matrix. If the matrix effervesces and the fossil does not, immerse in a bath of 2-3 acid and 1-3 water. Watch the fossils carefully and should the acid attack it cover the fossil with parafine and again immerse until the matrix is nearly all removed, then finish with a pocket knife. Wash in clear water to remove acid stains.

In many years there has not been a season so bare of good autograph sales as the present. Collectors now bequeath their collections to libraries and historical societies, instead of leaving them as an asset to be turned into cash by their heirs. This is a good thing for societies, but is hard on new collectors who find early autograph letters becoming rarer each year.



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Friends:—With this report of the Collectors Union, I beg to advise you of a change which will, no doubt, be of graet benefit to the society. I have found that it is impossible to give the society sufficient time and have placed the position of Secretary and Treasurer in the hands of Mr. Wm. Blomberg and Wm Simpson, both of Atchison, Kans They are hustlers and great workers in societies I wish to thank the 604 members who have joined while I had charge and beg of you to do your best and help make this society larger every month.

C H. Saint.

We have taken the positions of Secretary and Treasurer of the Collectors Union and would like to say to all members that we will do all in our power to make it one of the largest clubs in America, if you will give it your

support. We will endeavor to make it worth while for all collectors who are not already members to join. We intend in the near future to establish a Fraud and Sales Dept., if it meets with the approval of the members. Hoping that we shall receive a large list of new members by next issue. We are

Yours in Union,

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HIGH PRICES FOR RARE COINS.

At an auction sale of a dealer recently, the top figure realized was $360, paid for a scarce variety of $50 gold piece, circular in shape, made by private parties at San Francisco in 1855 An octagonal gold piece of the same denomination, issued by the United States Assay Office in the same city in 1852, fetched $145.

The gold coins issued by the private North Carolina mint of Christopher Bechtler, some time in the thirties, brought extremely high prices. One variety of $2 50 gold piece, with the inscription, "Carolina 70 G 20 Carats," brought $175. Another gold coin of the same denomination, but with the inscription reading "67 G. 21 Carats," sold for $60. Two $5 pieces struck at the Rutherfordton mint by August and Christopher Bechtler, brought respectively $70 and $50, while the gold dollars bearing somewhat similar inscriptions brought from $12 to $15.

A United States half eagle of 1795 brought $71. A copper cent dated 1793 fetched $68; another cent dated 1793 brought $60; still another variety of 1793 fetched $24.

One of the rarest of the half dollars, a very fine specimen of 1797, brought $72, while a silver dollar of 1831, showing a flying eagle on the reverse, of which only eighteen pieces are known, sold for $185.

The coin collector is always alert. Within a day or two of the announcement that the government had stopped coining the new Saint Gaudens double eagles, the coins were selling at a premium of six dollars apiece, and a few days later this bonus had advanced to ten dollars, so that each twenty dollar gold piece was held at thirty dollars. Meanwhile the collectors carefully enter in their records the history of the coin and how many were minted, for the guidance of those who come after them. Twenty-dollar gold pieces have always been hard coins to collect. The premium imposes an added and discouraging burden.

The Chicago Numismatic Society

The 54th monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, on Friday evening, July 3rd, President Virgil M. Brand, presiding. The following members were present: Messsrs. Blumenschein, Merrill, Chester F. Dunham, Baker, Sorensen, Loer, Ripstra, Puttkamer, Lewis, Kelly, Green, V. M Brand, Simpson. Excell and Leon. Messrs. Geo K. Schmidt and Serge Tchijoff were elected to membership.

On motion the President appointed committees of three to draft resolutions on the death of our members Dr. G. F. Hath of Monrich and Mr. DeWitt Smith of Lee Mass.

Under exhibits Mr. V. M. Brand showed two 100 crowns in gold of Hungary and at Kohler California a gold bar of the value of $36.55; Mr. Lewis a half dollar with to San Francisco reverses; Mr. Green some ancient; Mr. Blumnschein U. S. freaks; and Mr. Leon and Dr. Merrill Territorial gold.

The cabinet received a medal of Battery D of Chicago, and a Sargeant at Arms badge from the late Republican Convention.

The following magazines were received since last meeting: The Numismatist, Spink's Numismatis Circular and Collectors Monthly for June, and Mehl's Monthly for July. Catalogs were received from Feith, Green, Lew and Steigerwalt. Mr. S. A. Celmons was present as a visitor.

Adjourned to meet August 7, 1908. Ben G. Green, Secretary.

Two Prominent Numismatists Die

Within the past few weeks death has claimed two noted American numismatists The first was that of Dr. Geo. F. Heath of Monroe, Mich., editor and publisher of the Numismatist, a coin collectors' magazine, which was circulated throughout the world. Dr Heath was one of the founders of the American Numismatic Association, and has occupied the most important place in its affairs from its inception. There can be no doubt that the Numimatist in its monthly visits kept the Association together, and was the chief incentive to its growth.

The Doctor was prominent in his own community having been several times mayor of his city and active in various organizations and enterprises. His death causes a vacancy in the affairs of the Associations, which will be difficult to fill

The other gentleman was Mr. DeWitt S Smith of Lee, Mass, one of the foremost collectors in the United States. He had always been untiring in his efforts to make a collection of coins relating to our own country and had accumulated probably the finest lot of Territorial gold ever brought together He was of a genial and lovable personality willing to give and take where rivalry appeared and while a man of means was not known as a "plunger" in the sense that he was willing to pay ridiculous prices. The writer saw him bid $6 100 00 for a coin in an auction room with apparently as little concern as though bidding on an ordinary piece. Probably few people knew just what his collection contained as he was reticent when talking of his cabinet.

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Address all communications to the Secretary. Application blanks and particulars furnished free upon request by any of the officers or representatives.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

1. Members are required to answer all cards promptly.
2. Members must place their full name and address and UNION number on all cards sent for or in exchange.
3. Always enclose return postage when sending cards or letters to the Translation Department.
4. Always enclose return postage when writing for information of any kind.
5. Members should promptly renew when their membership expires, or else notify the society that you wish your name withdrawn.
6. The society gives as a premium, five beautiful unused cards for each new member secured,

and also cedits you with one point on the Roll of Honor.

7. We close our report on the 15th of each month and all notices and new memberships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.

8. Members are requested to notify the publisher if you do not receive The WEST regularly, and not the Secretary of The UNION. The publisher has been paid for your subscription and is under obligations to send you the paper.

9. Members are forbidden (unless requested by their correspondents) to mail view cards, for or in exchange, from states other than the one in which they reside, and members receiving such cards which are mailed in violation of this rule are under no obligations to reply.

10. The Secretary should be promptly advised in writing of all members who fail to answer your cards, by giving dates cards were sent as well as full names and addresses of the delinqents. Members in the United States and Canada are allowed one month in which to answer; Mexico, West Indies and Europe, two months; all other places except Australia, three months;

11. We do not furnish membership lists at regular intervals, nor do we promise to furnish any one with a new list every month, bnt we will gladly mail lists when published to all sending postage [The last list was published May 1st, so if you wish a copy, please send postage to the Secretary.]

12. We do not have any rules or regulations other than the foregoing, and by carefully complying therewith, we are sure you will be satisfied with your membership in The UNION.

NOTICE. July 15th, 1908.

Atfer our report is completed each month it is carefully gone over and all mistakes are corrected before it is transmitted to the printer for publication. We realize that owing to the diversity of the names and addresses and other items which we publish, it is almost mpossible to have everything set up correct to the letter. The Union desired therefore to ask the pardon and eudurance of those whose names or addresses are, or will be, sometimes incorrectly printed. It is our desire to have our reports correct in every detail, but we cannot assume the responsibility for typographical errors

ROLL OF HONOR
Our Five Leaders.

		Points. to Date
916	L. W. Dison	21
903	Arnaldo Ghisla	13
863	Mrs. John Hoffman	10
314	Miss M. Hays	8
1133	T. G. Griffin	7

The following members have secured one or more new points during the month just ended:

		Previous Points	New Points	Total Points
1177.	Lulu Bowmaker		1	1
1334.	J. L. Bigger	1	2	2
1480.	Ed Guttierez David		2	2
1517	George B. Fielding		1	1
	Pierson Hardwick			

PROSPERITY.

The Union again points with pride to the fact that notwithstanding the hard times and hot weather, we are steadily gaining in membership and our enrollment this year shows a gain over the same period of last year. The percentage of renewals is also greatly on the increase, for which we desire to thank the members who are giving us their cooperation from year to year—and at the same time we believe that an unsolicited renewal is positive proof that The Union gives entire satisfaction to those who have the interests of the club at heart.

We respectfully ask a continuance of your patronage during our forthcoming campaign, not only in the way of a prompt renewal when your mem-

bership expires, but we hope you will kindly aid us in advertising our society among your collecting friends.

We shall be pleased to send a large supply of our descriptive application blanks to all who are interested enough to make a request, and by distributing or mailing them among your collecting friends, you will have the satisfaction of seeing the Union made still larger and better. Please help us at this time.

NOTICE.

We are sorry that the following mistakes have occurred and as we desire to print all names correctly, we ask that members and those sending in application blanks write their names and addresses very plainly.

1491. Fay Leonard, 642½ Olive street, should be South Olive Street.

1492. Rosa May Theobald, not Theobold. (And under renwals).

(— — —) 456. Jose M Cisneros, 83 Guerro Street, not Cinero, 83 Guerrotto.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

1428. Mr. Ulmont Stewart, Lock Box 118, West Port, Indiana, asks that all members(excepting those with whom he is already exchanging)would send a monument, or public building card, will answer all

1308. Mr. Fred Holzhauser, 422 East F. Street, Louisville, Ky., would be ever so much obliged if all members would send a card for exchange, especially foreign members.

1042. Miss Amanda Gade, 2268 Missouri Avenue, St. Louis, Mo , desires no exchange during August.

TO ALL MEMBERS.

There are still a few states remaining in which The Union has not a representative. We are very anxious to complete our list of representatives at any early date and again urge the members residing in the states which are not represented to communicate with us on this subject.

We are also desirous of having more representatives in foreign fields—ultimately we hope to be represented in every country and colony in the world. The inducements offered to representaties are very liberal. Kindly address the Manager, if interested.

RENEWALS

440. Mrs. Lillian T. Dobson, 122 Hamburg Ave., Patterson, N.J.

450. W. E. Battey, Pascoag, R. I.

1177. Miss Lulu Bowmaker, Main St., Cooperstown, N. Y.

NEW MEMBERS.

1516. Wynne C. Noyce, Pleasanton, Nebr. (Scenery and views)

1517 Geo. B. Fielding, Pleasanton, Nebr. (Foreign and domestic views)

1518. Robert Ford, Box 448, Little Rock, Ark.

1519. Miss Ethel Edgett, Three Rivers, Mich.

1520 Christina Reyes Calleja, Nueva, Caceres, Ambos Camarines, P.I

1521. Pedro Tanchaco, Nueva Caceres, Ambos Camarines, Phillipine Islands (Correspondence in Spanish preferred)

1522. M. O. Sirat, 43 Sultan Road, Singapore Straits Settlements.

1523. Miss Winifred W. Wilson, Calle Ocampo 22, Victoria, Tam., Mex.

1524. T. E. Lin, Jinrieksha Station, Middle Road, Singapore. Straits Settlements.

1525. A. N Bliss, Poole, Nebr. (All kinds)

1526. F. Lai Fatt, Bau Cyanide Works, Bau, Sarawak, Borneo. (Col-

orad views of towns, buildings and actresses only. No others answered.)

1527. Miss S. Chorbentier, 28 Prince of Wales Road, Battersea Park, London, England

1528. S. T. Wah, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank, Singapore, Straits Settlements.

1529. M. Sivanathan, c-o Asst. Engineers Office, Johore State Railways. Johore, Straits Settlements (Fine actress cards only).

1530. Fam Kuan Fook, 105 Chin Swee Road, Singapore, Straits Settlements.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

1397. Miss Margaret Purdy, from Loretto Academy, Florisant, Mo , to 4611 Page Bouleard, St. Louis, Mo.

1287. Miss Kate Fee, from Mineville. N. Y., to Mooers, N. Y.

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

The following memberships will expire during the month of August. We will greatly appreciate a prompt renewal. The renewal fee is but 50 cents in case of members in the United States and 75 cents in other countries. 594. 595, 622, 628, 629, 642, 654, 675, 970. 1175, 1217, 1218, 1219, 1220, 1221, 1222, 1223, 1224, 1225, 1226. 1227, 1229, 1231, 1232, 1233, 1234, 1235, 1236, 1237, 1238, 1239, 1240, 1241, 1242, 1243, 1244, 1245, and 1246

RESIGNED.

1311. W. L Ahrens, 2618 18th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn.

When a member resigns it is because he no longer wishes to exchange cards Therefore when a resignation is announced, please discontinue sending the resigner cards for exchange.

KETTLE OF GOLD DUG UP.

Charles Harmon, a farmer residing near Curwensville, Pa. while digging for a woodchuck, uncovered an old kettle that had in it what is estimated to be worth 2000 in foreign gold coin.

The money is believed to have been buried several years ago by one or more of a party of Austrians employed on the construction of the low grade division of the New York Central Railroad.

Harmon was bothered all last year by a colony of woodchucks destroying his garden truck. This spring he discovered the burrow of one of the "Chuck" families, and determined to exterminate them. He hadn't gone far below the surface of the ground until the point of his pick struck a piece of iron. He investigated and found a small iron kettle, such as is used in men's camps for cooking. The vessel was two-thirds full of corroded coins. All had milled edges, showing that they were not of very ancient mintage. He took the coins to the Curwensville Bank, where it was disrcovered that they are gold and of a foreign character.

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A pretty shirtwaist box can be made by tacking leather postal cards on the top, front and sides of the box with brass headed tacks.





ODDS AND ENDS





It is the popular impression that the star and crescent upon the Turkish flag are of Mohammedan origin. There is, however, a legend which says that in the year 340 B C., when Philip of Macedon, the father of Alexander the Great, was besieging Byzantium, as Constantinople was then called, and was about to assault the city by night, a strange light appeared in the heaven to warn the inhabitants. The people within the walls, seeing the light, seized their arms and repelled the attack. and Phillip. aware that to war with people who were receiving the aid of the gods was hopeless, withdrew. The grateful Byzantines commemorated the victory by giving the miraculous light the form of a crescent and star, and stamped it upon their coins.

The numismatist sees little truth in the legend, for he finds the star and cresent stamped upon the coins, not only of Byzantium, but of ancient Rome, Greece, Persia, Parthia, and even of Macedonia From the widespread use of the design at so early an age, it would seem that its origin dates from a far greater antiquity. It is now known that the crescent and star were employed by the early Babylonians of more than 6,000 years ago.

The characters of the language of Mesopotamia, like the Egyptian, were originally hieroglyphic, and the several hundred groups of wedges, by means of which the language was later expressed in writing, may now be traced back to the original hieroglyphics. One of the early picture words was a crescent and a star. Clay tablets recording the ancient exorcisms have been found in the ruins of Mesopotamia and at the beginning of such tablets appears the sign which developed from the crescent and the star. The symbol. therefore, may have been not only the word for incantation but a charm from which the evil spirits were supposed to flee. In every age in the Orient the people have possessed similar charms. The Assyrian kings stationed winged monsters with forms half human at their gateways, to keep all evil from entering within the palace. The poorer people suspended clay tablets above the entrances of their houses; the Jews attached the Mezuzoth to their door posts, and the early Christians believed that Satan fled from the presence of the cross The modern Oriental may purchase in the bazaars blue glassbeads, verses from the Koran wrapped in leather cases, and other devices to serve a similar purpose. The crescent and star formed a symbol which the Mesopotamian of 6,000 years ago employed as a charm.

Among the early peoples of Mesopotamia all of the heavenly bodies

were regarded as deities, but the moon, because of the variety of the shapes which it assumes, was the chief of all. Reverence was therefore paid it. It is thus easy to understand how the crescent, the symbol by which the mood god was represented, was supposed to have the power to avert evil, and then together with the star it formed the word for "incantation." When Babylonia passed into the hands of the Persians, the symbol appeared upon the coins. Finally the Turks, who succeeded in the possession of the greater part of the countries of the ancient world, adopted it as a device for their flag.

This is the day of specialists. The men and women of the one idea succeed. When a business house advertises for additional help, it is of no use nowadays replying to the advertisment by saying that you can do anything, for replies of that nature go straight to the wastepaper basket. The applicant who states that he can excel in one particular direction is the one who will be most likely to secure the berth.

And the same thing is just as true in regard to one's pleasures and Hobbies. If a man goes in for base ball and sticks to it, he will excel if he has made a correct choice of a game; and if you take up a hobby, whether it be collecting or what not you must persevere until you excel.

Much comment has been made about the curios which have been secured by Mr. Pierpont Morgan, during recent years. His house, which is said to be literally packed from floor to ceiling with art treasures, miniatures, and curios of value beyond all estimate, was honored with a visit from the Queen a short time since Her Majesty's comment after pausing awhile in the magnificent hall of the millionaire was, "Wonderful! Wonderful!"

Correspondents frequently ask us the value of old violins which vary so much according to the master hand who created them. It may be a guide to any having siimlar specimens to know that a violin by Petrus Guarnerius, an Italian maker, was sold in London for $450. Of course the best known maker was the famous Antonio Stradivari, who died one hundred and seventy years ago, carrying with him the secret of his skill in the production of instruments of such marvelous tones.

A very interesting discovery has just been made near the village of Kasachia. Several mammoths with flesh and hair covered bones have been found in that ice bound region. The scene of the discovery is so remote that it will take some two months to transport the mammoths to St. Peterspurg. Fifty sleighs drawn by reindeer, will be employed. The mammoths are believed by some to be 100,000 years old.

The value of autographs seems to be going up by leaps and bounds. Just recently nine letters from Thackeray to Lady James realized $500, and the autograph manuscript of Burke's famous speech on the impeachment of Warren Hastings, $100.

Visitors to London will be interested to learn that the Wallace collection at Herford House will be closed for some time for the purpose of redecorating the galleries, and to some extent, rearranging the contents of the museum.



..Camera News.

Editor—F. J. Clute, San Fran·.sc



Arranging Flowers for Photography

The comparative simplicity of flower photography makes the arrangement of the flowers themselves of the utmost importance, and many an other vise excellent flower picture is spoilt by the stiff, formal, or awkward grouping of the blooms themselves.

The appearance of the group must be studied from the position of the lens. What it looks like from any other direction is quite immaterial It will some times be difficult to do this without disturbing the arrangement. In such a case the camera may be focused approximately on the group, the lenses and ground-glass removed, and the camera turned completely around. The eye is then placed at the lens and the group viewed as it appears framed by the opening where the ground-glass was. This makes arrangement much easier than when it is done by looking at the image upside down on the focusing screen, and the camera itself cuts off the surrounding objects, and so helps to give a true idea of the effect.

The first point that has to be attended to is the position that is to be occupied by the flowers which are to form the highest lights of the picture. These may be put close together so as to form a single mass of light, or they may be separated; but if they are separated they must be so disposed or selected that one is of more importance than the rest. Thus two blooms of equal size may be put together or apart; but if the latter, one must be thrown into shadow, or otherwise rendered subordinate to the other.

There must be no suggestion of a symmetrical arrangement The groups of three put like this ∴ are never very successful. In such a case, for example, one of the lower ones might be higher than the other, and this one should then be made the center of interest, and should contain the highest light, and if possible should come against the deepest shadow.

An elaborate vase or pot is a great mistake. If it is used the difficulties are much increased by the way in which the vase competes for attention with the flowers themselves. If a dark background is used, the vase may itself be dark The little terracotta pots of classical outline sold for painting, are very suitable, as they photograph rather dark, and have no highly reflecting surfaces. If the background is a light one, then a light vase is better. Glass will often do very well in such a case, as the reflections from it will not then stand out so decisively as they would were they to come against a dark ground.

The trick of arranging flowers in a vase with a fallen one lying at the foot has now become so common that its artificialty is apparent at once, and it is better avoided. It may be taken as a safe rule that the more all arrangement is concealed subject to the grouping being an agreeable one—the

better. For this reason it will often be noticed that flowers growing wild make better pictures than when they are picked and put in a vase.—English Paper.

Discard the Stock Mount

I had occasion the other day to insist that an amateur friend should furnish me with some mounted pictures for wall decoration at a boys' club. He complained, with some truth, that he had no time to print any. I took three or four sheets of melton-faced mounting board out to his house and made him show me what he had on hand. The stock consisted of some proofs of negatives that he considered unsatisfactory, and some other prints that were rejected because they were stained on one or two of their edges. They all needed trimming down to get out the best that there was in them. He is one of those fellows that is tied to the stock sizes. Some of the rejected negatives contained bits that were gems. One of them produced a two by ten panel that would have been an honor to any exhibition. Fifteen or twenty of them were trimmed and pasted, some on the backs of other spoiled velox prints, and others on the black paper that comes around plates. These were again trimmed to leave a narrow border of either white or black and then mounted on the large sheets of different colored mounting board which I afterwards cut up with scissors and trimmed with a card cutter. The prints were a revelation to my friend. His dealer will have a hard time selling him any more stock sizes in mounts, but perhaps he will sell him enough of the mounting board to balance. I found out some time ago that he charged a good advance on the paper dealer's price for cardboard.—Western Camera Notes.

DOES YOUR CAMERA LEAK.

A trouble, often unsuspected for some time, is a leak in the camera. Even new cameras direct from the factory have been known to leak light from some small hole, perhaps from the point of a tack where the bellows is fastened on to the front. A very small hole will suffice to fog a plate if given time. It is the inclination this form of trouble has to show itself in such a spasmodic manner that makes it hard to locate. Today our negatives are all right, but yesterday half of them developed up badly fogged. We blamed the developer, the plates, the holders, even thought perhaps our exposures were too long, but the negatives came up slowly but after some minutes the fog crept over all. The next one was all right simply because we made the exposure immediately we withdrew the slide and at once returned it. The much prized negative fogged because we waited a few minutes after removing the slide before making the exposure and in that way gave the little hole a chance to do its work. Hunt this leak up and stick a piece of black court plaster over it. Remove the back of the camera, cap the lens, take the camera out into the bright sunlight and by using a focussing cloth around the camera back and your head, examine the interior for stray beams of light. Remove the cap, close the shutter and see if it allows any light to pass. Replace back, insert an empty holder, withdraw slide and again examine the inside of the camera; this time from the front, removing the front board for the purpose. Have someone stick one corner of a slide in the holder, observe the effect and you will see how many plates get light struck by not putting the slide in straight at the start.

Perhaps you have never tried an advertisement in our colums. Perhaps it has not occurred to you to send your "Offers" along. The next time you want anything why not use our columns? Only a cent a word, 3 times price of 2.

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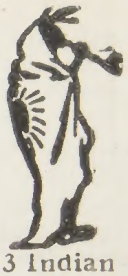
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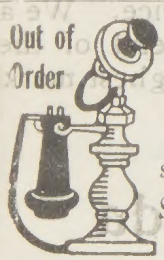
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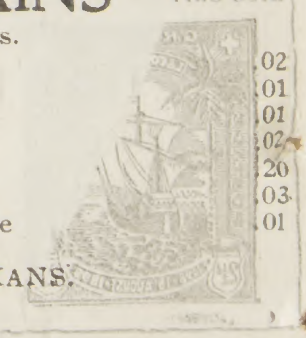
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Owing to to the fact that the report of the eighty sixth regular meeting did not arrive in time to be priuted in last issue, it is published this month as follows:

The eighty-sixth regular meeting of the Society was held at the usual place and time on Tuesday June 23rd.

The President was in the chair and fourteen members were in attendance viz: Boisselier, Bollman, Chase, Hopkins, Hubert, Humee, Low, Millhouse, Myers, Pokorny, Ritchie, Ruedi, Schoeman, Voelker.

In the absence of the Secretary the President appointed S M. Schoeman to act in his place.

The Entertainment reported the following program of contests for the ensuing half year: July 21st, 25 most beautiful stamps; Aug 18th, 25 ugliest stamps; Sept. 15th, 25 showing different Women's heads; Oct. 13th, 25 animal stamps; Nov. 10, Finland; Dec. 8, Argentine Republic. Completeness and condition to count 75 per cent.arrangement and general appearance 25 per cent. Postal adhesives only to be entered.

The entertainment of the evening was furnished by the Canada Contest, four collections were entered. Messrs. Hopkins, Millhouse and Schoeman were appointed judges and the awards made were Delafield first, Wood second, Millhouse third and Low fourth.

The usual auction ended the evening.

We were glad to see Mr. Hopkins back again after his years' sojourn in Texas and he received a warm welcome from those present.

S. M. Schoeman, Acting Secretary.

The eighty-eighth regular meeting of the Society was held at the usual place and time on Tuesday July 21st.

In the absence of the President who was attending the Philatelic Convention at Columbus the Vice President took the chair. The following members were in attendance: Bollman, Chase, Diamant, Humes, Millhouse, Patschke, Ritchie, Ruedl, Schoeman, Slack, Strauss, Voelker, Wood.

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as published.

The Secretary had on exhibit the sample Society emblem just received from the manufacturers and it was conceded by all to be a very handsome pin, being a copy of the famous 20c Saint Louis Stamp. Several new orders for it were obtained by him.

The application of H. A. Herzog of Austin, Texas, proposed by Chester Myers was referred to the Membership Committee.

The entertainment of the evening was furnished by a contest of the 25 most beautiful stamps. Six entries were furnished by Messrs. Chase, Millhouse, Myers, Ritchie, Strauss and Wood. The entire non competing members acted as Judges. On the first ballot Mr. Strauss' entry received first prize and Messrs. Chase and Wood tied for second. On the second ballot Mr. Chase was awarded second prize. The entries were all splendid lots and

it was a difficult matter to decide.

We were glad to see one of our former Vice Presidents, Otto Patschke, present after an absence of over a year.

The eighty-ninth regular meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society was held Tuesday August 4, 1908, usual time and place, President Myers presiding and the following members present: Chase, Humes, Millhouse, Ruedi, Schellhorn, Schoeman, Voelker.

Th application of Mr. H. A. Herzog of Austin, Texas was returned approved by the Membership Committee and Mr Herzog declared duly elected.

The Entertainment Committee desires to announce a change in contest of Sept. 15, from 25 stamps bearing women's heads to "The 1c Stamps of the United States" exclusive of Carrier Stamps, Envelopes, Telegraphs, Locals and Private Properties. By "One cent stamps" being understood those having a face value of one cent NOT Catalogue value Prizes are offered.

After the President's display of a number of Columbus Convention Souvenirs and his brief report of the "doings" there, the meeting adjourned to obtain primary election returns which returns it is presumed caused the smallest attendance of the year. You must do better next time August 18, 803 805 Wright Bldg. Bring your 25 ugliest—Prizes.

Chester Myers, For the Secretary.

The nintieth regular meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society was held Tuesday Aug. 18,1908, usual time and place, President Myers presiding and the following members present: Bain, Humes, Millhouse, Myers, Pokorny, Ruedi, Schellhorn, Schoeman, Voelker.

A souvenir card from Secretary Wood who is spending his vacation in Canada was read.

Mr. Walter Bain entertained those present by exhibiting his handsome general collection of U. S. and also his superb M. & M. accompanying the display by a few highly interesting explanations and remarks in his usual entertaining vein. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously offered Mr. Bain at the conclusion of this instructive talk.

The contest "25 ugliest Stamps in my collection" has been postponed until September 1st.

Exchange Manager Schoeman reported the current circuit closed and accounts made up. He urges all members to enter at least one book of duplicates in the circuit now being made up. This is one of the most valuable features of our Society, operated under unique plans and in Mr, Schoeman's able care it should be generously supported by all members YOU do YOUR share.

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Chester Myers,
For the Secretary.

No. 3 of the British Guiana Philatelic Journal, which appears twice a year at Demerara, at 12 cents a copy, is full of interesting matter, a good deal of which is original. It appears that the philatelists of British Guiana are quite serious and active. Some of them, Mr. A. D. Ferguson, the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the British Guiana Phil Society, have wide experience and valuable collections.

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Total amount on hand 92 03

I wish all members who are desirous of being placed on circuits for the fall and wnter season would communicate with me at once, so that I can place them to advantage.

Circuits are sent to members only when they request it, therefore if you are not receiving them do not blame the Superintendent, but send him a request stating what class of stamps is wanted and about how often you would like to receive them. I trust all of the members will avail themselves of the benefits of this department and I will do my best to make it more a success than ever.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Roemer, Supt.

APPLICATIONS.

1. C. B. Duffy, 917 Spahr Bldg., Columbus, Ohio, 42, Pur. Agt. H. V. Ry., C. V. Webb, Ohio Trust Co.

2 H N. Haas, 118 Woodlann Ave., Saratoga Springs, N. Y., 32, clergyman, C. V. Webb, H. H. Millen.

3. G. Richard Perkins, 38 Huntington St., Hartford, Conn., 11, student, Harry L Perkins, proposed and guaranteed.

4 Chas Hood, Cor. Wash. and Franklin Aves., Columbus, O, R. L. Doak. Hayden. Clinton Nat'l Bank.

5 Iole Dione. Box 565, Berwyn, Ill., 25, stamp dealer, Ralph L. Mutz, J H. Van Vlissinger.

6 C. L Bozman, Beverly, Ohio, 50, commercial salesman, R. L. Doak, First Nat'l Bank.

7. Willard B. Phelps, 724 Coronado St., Los Angeles, Calif., 15, stu

dent, R. L. Doak. Julia D. Phelps.

8. Done De Witte 41 Maynard Ave., Columbus, Ohio, 17, student, C. V. Webb.

9. Mrs. Maude M. Stowell, Timber Valley, Wash , 32, farmer, Wm. E. Ault, M. McInnis.

10. H. M. Clark, 646 Postal Telegraph Bldg., Chicago, Ill., 21, stamp dealer, F P. Breuer, B. K. Voorhees

11. Farrel M. Larney. 2178 W. 38th St., Chicago Ill., 16, clerk, F. P. Breuer M Larney.

12 Leon V. Cass New Milford, Pa., 26, stamp dealer, R L. Doak, Wm v. d. Wettern Jr.

13 Ralph Brueger. Nellita, Wash., 52, merchandise, H. S. Powell, Rudolph Zoffel.

14. J. F. Hermansader, 547 McKnight St , Reading, Pa , 19, Asst. Cash. Mutual Life Ins. Co., Wm. H. Hollenbach. H. A Weidensaul.

15. Walter Schmus, 618 W School St., Chicago, Ill., 21, bookkeeper, C. V. Webb, C. C. Schmus.

16 John C. Armstrong, c-o Boody House, Toledo, Ohio. 21, clerk. C. V. Webb, Chauncey Krymer.

17. Ernest F. Wurtele, Box 344, Quebec, Canada, 48, Chartered Accountant, John F. Sensaw, D. P. A.

18 Geo. E. Haynes, 332 Alpena St., Toledo, Ohio, 23, dealer, L. Brodstone, R. L Doak.

The above will be admitted within 20 days providing no objections are filed prior to that date.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

After Sept. 25th, 1908, W. F Osborne, from Fitzgerald, Ga , to c o Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Ga.

300 John A Rasen from Chillicothe, Tex., to Tell, Childress Co , Tex.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The first report of recruiting work will appear in the January report. All applicants will be published with the proposer's name first in all hereafter reports.

Dear Members:—Now that our convention is a thing of the past, I hope to see all members take up the armor and go after new recruits. Our record has been a good one the past year, yet we want to make it better the coming season. The S P. A. attendance was far from my expectations, but since the bulk of our members are from the southern realm, and deeming the distance too far, accounts for the small attendance. I feel safe in saying, that never in the history of stamp conventions, was more hospitality shown than by the Columbus Collectors' Club.

Our mark is set for 1910 and I want to see each and every member go to work. Our Sales Dept. and Exchange Dept. is doing a good work, and the benefits to be derived from these departments alone, more than compensate for the small amount of dues.

Write me for blanks and any other desired information and all will be furnished. Fraternally, R. L. Doak, Secretary.

LIBRARIAN'S ANNUAL REPORT, April 30, '08

To Officers and Members S. P. A., Columbus, Ohio.

Greetings:—The only property in my possession is that donated by R. S.

Nilsen Esq , of Birmingham, Ala., consisting of a number of files of various philatelic journals to which I have added two or three nearly complete files of Mekeels weekly. Will be glad to acknowledge donations from any of the members and if desired furnishing index and file for same.

Resp'y yours, R. L. Allen, Librarian, Waynesvil e, N. C.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

St. Louis, Mo., July 18, 1908.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I sincerely regret, that I cannot be with you, at so great a gathering of the Followers of Philately, one, which I have no doubt will obscure all previous conventions, but business of vital importance compels me to sacrifice the pleasure of meeting so many distinguished collectors who, not knowing personally, their names have been familiar to me for many years, as I myself have passed the 5th anniversary as collector of those interesting labels I assure you though, that my thoughts, my heart is with you, accompanied by sincerest wishes for an unbounded success.

Very truly and fraternally yours, Fred G. Fuessel, President.

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT July 23, 1908.

Gentlemen.—I am pleased to place before you my report covering the period since I assumed the duties as Secretary and Treasurer of this Association. This Association is by no means an infant association; some years in the past it controlled a membership of over 500 but about four years ago, while things were in the hands of Secretary Kelly of Kansas City, the society passed into chaos; due to the declining health and death of Mr. Kelley, its Secretary. During this period of poor management (or better none at all) we lost our entire membership.

Less than two years ago on the urgent requests of Bros. Fuessel, Roemer and Brodstone I gathered up the scattered remnants of the Association and managed to muster 18 members our of the 500 or more that once adorned our records. During the first year we admitted 81 members and with the 18 old members made a total of 99 members. During the lapse of time from Jan. 1st, 1908, to the present we have more than doubled this number—(The exact figures I can not give, due to my absence from New Bedford for the past few weeks and not having the record book here. During the past year we lost two members by expulsion viz:—Chas. D. Fox of New York and R E. Gerspacher, of Nebraska. Grim Monster-Death—laid claim to Bro. E. L. Maxson of Winter Park, the last month

The financial part of the Association is in good shape. At the present there are between 25 and 30 dollars on hand with less than $10 outstanding bills unpaid.

I wish to thank the members for the work they have done the past year and hope for a continuance of their labors in the future and with this can assure you that the S. P. A , will never fade into oblivion.

Fraternally, R. L. Doak, Secy.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SALES DEPARTMENT July 15th, 1908.

To the President and Members of the Southern Philatelic Association:

Gentlemen:—Herewith I submit my report as Superinendent of the Sales Department.which includes all business from January,1st 1907 to date.

My predecessor having closed up and settled with owners direct for all books sent to him, there were no books on hand at the time when I assumed the duties of Superintendent. Since then and up to date the total number

of books received was 203 valued at $4065 55
Retired during this term 146 books valued at $3046 68
Leaving in circulation and on hand 57 books, valued..... $1018.87
Total sales in this department up to date amounted to..... $634.63
The sales from the retired books amounted to $582 82

I have no loss of circuits to report However there has been a small loss of 40 cents claimed by W S. Aldrich on account of substitution or damage in one of his books while in circuit in the Sales Department, which claim the trustees authorized me to pay from the Insurance Fund which shows the following condition.

INSURANCE FUND

Received from the former Superintendent..... $50 44
Recovered by trustees a loss paid from Insurance Fund by former Supt $11.04
1 per cent from retired books amounting to $30 45
$91.93
Less W. S. Aldrich's claim ..... $ 40
Total cash on hand $91.53

Inasmuch as our Association, when I took control of the Sales Department on January 1st 1907 numbered only 18 members in good standing and in further consideration that it took some time to procure the necessary books to conduct the business of the Department, think that the sales of $634.63 during the term of office should be fairly satisfactory

My monthly reports in the Official Journal have given, I believe, all desired information as to the doings of the Sales Department I deeply regret my inability to be present with you, but send my best wishes for the success of the convention.

Respectfully submitted, Charles Roemer, Sales Supt.

EXCHANGE MANAGER'S ANNUAL REPORT, July 18, 1908.

To the President and Members of the Southern Philatelic Association:—

Gentlemen: I have the pleasure to herewith hand you a report covering the operations of your Exchange Department to date:—

I have received a total of twenty (20) books of a catalogue value of $164 97 and the first circuit is now out. As my department did not get in working order until late in the season, little could be expected, but I regret more members have not seen fit to at least try the Exchange branch. Those who have express themselves satisfied and I hope many others will become interested within the coming year.

Respectfully submitted, Wm. E. Ault, Exchange Mgr.

PROCEEDINGS OF SOUTHERN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD AT COLUMBUS, O., July 23, 1908.

Called to order at 8:0 Due to the absence of President and Vice President Wm. E. Ault was elected chairman.

Report of Committee on Credentials was read as follows:

President; Dr. Davis 41, F.G. Fuessel 1. Vice President; F.G. Fuessel 41, Dr. Davis 1. Sec'y-Treas., R. L Doak 42. Sales Supt.; Chas. Roemer 41, Chas. Waring 1. Ex. Mgr., Wm. E. Ault 42. Attorney, F. D. Goodhue 42. Inf. Bureau, Julina Park 41 (Resigned) Count. Detector, Eben S. Martin 41. Int. Secretary, H. Fenton 41. Auc. Mgr., B. L. Voorhees 42. Librarian, Dr. Allen 42 Purchasing Agt., C V. Webb 42. Chm. Recruiting; L. L. Dickerson 41, H. S. Powell 1. Trustees; Herzog and As-

ken 40, Dickerson and Waring 1, Humes and Low 1. Official Organ; West 31, Denver Journal 10 Dues, for increase; Yes 30, No 12. Fees, for increase: Yes 32, No 10.

Report on Progress: C. V. Webb holds 10, E. S. Martin 2, H.S. Adair 7, R. L Doak 17, Chester Myers 1, W. E. Ault 1, W. H. Hollenbach 1 and L. Crandall 1 in addition to their own vote.

Members present: H. S dair, Eben S. Martin, L. Crandall, C. V. Webb, L. J. Flerlage, H A. Davis, Chester Myers, F. D. Goodhue, Wm. E. Ault. R. L. Doak, Wm. H. Hollenbach. Geo. M. Vorhis, A C. Stewart, Iver R. Johnson and Nellis Welling.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

Art. II., Sec. I. to read—To assist members in acquiring and disposing of stamps by means of Sales and Exchange Departments.

Art III., Sec. I. So amended as to admit members 20 days after appearance of official journal. Also minors must furnish a guarantee of parent as guardian

Art. IV., Sec. II. Amended—In case two thirds of the members so request, etc.

Art. VI Sec V Amended to read:—The Sales Supt shall make rules for the conduct of the business of his Dept subject to approval of the Board of Trustees. That the Insurance Fund on hand be deposited with some institution with best rate of interest obtainable, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

Art. 6, Sec. 9 (added) The Exchange Mgr. may make rules for his departments subject to the approval of the board of Trustees.

The Emblem and Year Book matter was discussed, but deeming it best to investigate these matters before taking definite action. The 1909 seat of convention to be decided later.

Vote of thanks to the Columbus Collectors Club for the hospitality extended. Adjourned Sine Die.

R. L. Doak, Sec'y.

A PROPOSITION TO ALL PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.

A short time ago Mekeel's Weekly mentioned a case in which a collector received a parcel of stamps from a foreign country, marked as supposed to contain dutiable matter. The addressee had to to open the parcel in the presence of the postmaster and then it w as sent to the next revenue office for inspection and could not be delivered until the revenue officer had examined it and sent it back. The procedure is according to the law. I have myself, at this writing, a letter under way so treated. From the first arrival of the letter until I can really receive it, four whole days, if not more, will have elapsed. Now, I would propose that all philatelic societies and collectors generally cooperate in placing a petition before the P. M. General to authorize every postmaster, that. if on opening such a letter or parcel he sees that it contains NOTHING BUT STAMPS, he (the postmaster) pass such letter or parcel as free from import duty and to make a report to that effect to the Treasury Department thus doing away with the necessity of sending the OPENED letter or parcel to the next revenue office for inspection. Every postmaster ought to be able to distinguish stamps from anything else and his testimony should be sufficient for the Treasury Department.—(Dorpat).

Foreign Revenue Stamp Notes

By Oscar T. Hartmann

A beginner in the field of revenue stamp collecting, need not travel in the dark any more with such an aid as the just issued Forbin Revenue Stamp Catalog of the entire world Nearly every stamp is priced and as far as the prices given, my experience tells me that they were made, not by guess work, but by the work of the great revenue stamp dealers of the world and consultation of great revenue stamp collectors

But if this work is complete how immense must have been the work of the late Moens, who published a division on Revenue Stamps in his great work of 1893. A. Wulbern, Hamburg, issued a catalog on Germany, Austria and Balkan states over 10 years ago. Gilbert and Fohler have issued several lists of different countries.

Several societies have taken the matter up and treat the subject of revenue stamps in a masterly manner.

Telegraph stamps are not forgotten and found in several catalogs.

A credit must be given to all these men which cannot be underestimated. While revenue stamps are older than postage stamps they were neglected until lately and therefore new discoveries are often made by these men who put their time in studying these revenue stamps.

My belief is that this new second edition will give the revenue collecting a new impetus.

Argentine is still doing its very best to keep in the lead in producing new varieties of issues Mexico keeps up with its three annual issues. Uruguay is still holding on to its quarterly new issue King's heads on English revenues are not too prominent Germany has adopted the water mark also for its revenues Nothing new in U. S. and Colonies, and a few other countries had no requirements for new issues.

AMERICAN POSTMARKS.

The collecting of "postmarks" is an interesting side-issue of philately which might receive more attention than it does: although we believe the study of postmark is gaining ground, to some extent, in the United States and England—probably owing to the increasing number of collectors who specialise in U. S. and English stamps

In the United States postal department, the "postmarking" of letters has been brought to a high state of perfection. The New York postmark reveals to the official eye, not only whether the letter was "mailed" at an office or at a pillar box, but also at what particular office or box: and it also tells at what time it was posted, for the hour of the stamps used for marking is changed every thirty minutes! Moreover, every foreign letter, etc., arriving by ship shows by its postmark, the vessel by which it came.

It is not surprising that people in America frequently desire, for various reasons, to have their communications postmarked falsely It is related that a certain public official once forgot to give the prescribed notice of an important public meeting. He explained his case to the Superintendent of City Mails, and asked to have his notices antidated. He was "much hurt" at finding that what seemed to him an excellent way of covering his carelessness, in the eyes of the Government was neither more nor less than fraud.—From an English paper.

The Value of a Stamp

By Rev. J. W. H. Heslop

There is a strong belief among collectors that even a common stamp stands a chance of becoming valuable I know a man who is hoardng up a 2d. blue English in the fond belief that it will one day prove a treasure. Well, perhaps if he waits forty years it may. But this stamp is like thousands of others—it will increase in value very slowly, if indeed at all, as the years go by.

The secret of a stamp's value lies in the quanti'y issued How many collectors are there in the world? No one knows for certain, but perhaps half a million is a fair estimate. Very well, where half a million stamps are issued,these should just about suffice for the world's collectors. In these days of universal corresponden e and exchange these quickly get distributed. But out of half a million copies of a stamp perhaps not one-fourth are preserved; many get torn, blotted, lost, or thrown away. The number of perfect copies is thus reduced to 125 000 Such a stamp is usually catalogued 1d , and experience proves there is always enough of it—because collections are continually changing hands, or being sold at auction; the stamp gets well circulated, and seldom rises in value.

After about ten years,however,it may have changed hands so frequently that the greater majority of copies of it have become destroyed: stuck down in one album, it is soaked off and affixed in another; then maybe it figures in an approval sheet, reposes in an album again for a time, is examined, handled, perhaps caressed then parted with to do duty in a packet. By this time it has got worn out, and one day its owner throws it away. This is how common stamps grow scarcer, and eventually clean copies are hard to find, so it is catalogued 2d. or 3d There are hundreds of beginners who destroy their stamps in the act of collecting them. This is "good for trade," and has some influence on the future catalogue price.

In order to become scarce, a stamp should have had an issue of no more than 20 000 to 100,000 copies. Of this latter number we will say 25,000 are preserved; this is clearly not enough to go round, and although it may only be cat 1d in its first year, it is bound to rise to 2d..4d.,or even 6d. in time. The smaller the quantity issued the scarcer will the stamp become; as, for example, the 9 piastres Cyprus, with single watermark; of this stamp only 2,400 were issued, and its current value is therefore $5

Many a collector nowadays "buys double," that is, he buys two copies of a stamp, one for his album and another to hold for a rise in value, when, perhaps, he hopes to sell it at an advanced price. Acting in this way, it is possible to acquire a collection very cheaply,for the profit on the second copy may pay for the first outright. And many a collector is hoarding up as many copies of "promising" stamps as he can get—stamps which today cost 1d , and tomorrow may be worth treble that sum. But attention in every case should be paid to the quantity issued

Some readers of a stamp journal pay little heed to columns of figures; thinking them very dry reading they pass them by. Yet to the philatelic student these figures are the very essence of the journal. Editors are wise when they furnish them. They are the best guide to the future which a stamp has before it. It is a good plan to cut them out and stick them in a

book till the book is crammed full: then, when any desirable stamp is offered for sale, turn up the register and find out the number issued. If it is a 1s. stamp and only 10,000 were issued, and are now obsolete, it should be safe to pay 2s 6d. If it is a 1d. stamp (conditions the same as before) it should be worth 3d ; both these estimates are very low. In time the student of these figures should become something of an expert in fixing the value of a stamp.

The figures should be compared with current prices—this is the best way towards acquiring accuracy. Some stamps go up and down like a see-saw, but the influence that controls their fluctuation is usually the quantity that was issued. Just now the 50c. Morocco Agencies, King, C.A., is priced 25s., a high price for a 5d stamp when one considers that about 8.000 were on sale. Guessing, one would say that this stamp would come down It exists almost entirely in mint condition, and probably there are not 8 000 mint collectors in the world. Some people wonder why Seychelles' Queen's Heads do not rise. Year after year they stand at the same figures—because there seem to have been enormous quantities of them It is doubtful whether the King's Heads of this colony will ever attain to high prices for the same reason. It is scarcity that creates rarity; everybody remembers when the 36c. Seychelles' Queen of 1900 advanced to 10s at a leap; it had been selling at 1s. 6d. until the catalogue maker discovered it was really scarce. It is one of the painful memories of the writer that he refused ten copies at 1s each just before the stamp rose to 10s.

If one can afford it, it pays to fill a blank album with promising stamps in exactly the order in which they come to hand, and make up one's mind to keep them two years. If the selection has been a judicious one, it is possible they may have doubled in value in that time. Avoid stamps that are plentiful—both common and better class: a better class stamp that is too plentiful is the 13c Seychelles; it looks fine, but it is not a stamp of promise. Among commoner stamps there is the 4d. grey Trinidad, a good stamp, but not with any prospect before it—dealers hold and sell copies by the hundred But any "uncommon common," or out-of-the-way stamp, a stamp seldom seen, a stamp that would "sell at sight"—it is wise to get such as these. Any nice clean specimen of an issue that ran to no more than from 20 000 to 100 000 copies should not disappoint its possessor

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The Educational side of stamp collecting could scarcely receive a more striking endorsement than in the action of the authorities of the Victoria University at Manchester. In the Zoological Museum attached to that seat of learning various "animal stamps" from Newfoundland, Borneo, Liberia, Tasmania, etc., are being used as a means of illustrating in an informative and attractive manner, various birds, beasts and fishes, some of them being, of course, rare species, quite unknown outside the countries on whose stamps they appear. The curators of the museum have done their work right well, for adjoining each stamp in the exhibit there is a map showing the country represented and thus the specimens are made to teach a double lesson. Philately as an aid to education is no new thing, but we cannot recall any instance in which it has been so ingeniously applied. The day is coming, perhaps, when stamps will play their part in the regulation school curriculum! —Fortnightly.

Beginner's Department--Brazil

By L. G. Dorpat

(Continued from last issue.)

Most of them appear in several shades of color, especially the 20r. There are also varieties of paper, and some values are found imperforate. I am of the opinion that this issue has not been fully investigated and that some discovery may yet be made. The 20 and 80 reis in grey are believed to be the product of fading or chemical change: the bluish paper is said to be the result of a decompositon of the gum. For a thorough understanding it would be required to find a record of the several printings and consignments and to study unused copies (if possible whole sheets) of each of these. The 100 reis is found used in halves in lieu of 50r stamps; there was no official authority for such use In 1876 the 100 reis was issued rouletted instead of perforated (why is not apparent) and in 1877 the other values followed Mr. Vieira gives the following dates for the appearance of the rouletted stamps. July, 1876, 100 reis January 1877. 200 reis. June, 1877, 500 reis and July 1877, 10, 20, 50 and 80 reis. The 200 reis is said to be found perforated horizontally and roulletted vertically, a very odd combination.

The extra large bicolored 300 reis stamp may be considered as belonging to the 5th or to the 6th issue, because it is perforated 12 and was ready for circulation in 1873. but was not actually used until August 21 1878. It is no doubt the prettiest of all Brazilian stamps. Imperforate and also rouletted copies have been found, but their origin is doubted; possibly they came from printer's waste, but how they got out remains unexplained. Third of this stamp are found used in lieu of 100 reis stamps.

The sixth issue is the last made in New York. Mr. Vieira assigns the following dates to the several values. three of which are new. They are all rouletted

10 reis, red, January 15.	1878	80 reis carmine, August 18, 1879	
20 " violet, May 29,	"	50 " blue, " 28,	"
100 " green, July 4,	"	700 " red brown, September 1, 1879	
260 " brown, August 21,	"	1000 " violet, ?	"
		200 " black, September 12,	"
		300 " bistre, "	" "

The 200 reis occurs either vertically or obliquely cut and used for 100 reis. All the sheets of these stamps have the name of the American Bank Note Co. of New York imprinted on the margin, either in English or Spanish.

The 7th issue was again made at the mint in Rio Janeiro, comes in sheets of 100, is perforated 12 1 2 to 13, and the stamps are of smaller size. On July 15, 1881 three values were issued, 50,100 and 200 reis. In the 50 reis the background is formed by the crossing of diagonal lines. In the 100 reis the background consists of diagonal and horizontal lines, so does also that of the 20 reis. It is presumed that during the time these stamps were used, there was still a supply of the other values of the 6th issue. In May, 1882 the 100 reis appeared re engraved; in this the head of Dom Pedro II. is a trifle enlarged and the background is formed either of diagonal and horizontal lines or of diagonal and vertical lines. In September, 1882 a 10 (diez) reis was added with background formed of diagonal and horizontal lines. Sometime in 1882 the 200 reis also appeared re-engraved, but so little altered

that it is hard to tell it from the stamp of 1881; the most conspicuous difference is that the hair is lighter in the retouched stamp than it was before retouching took place. In September 1882 a second variety of the 200r appeared, this time quite distinct; it may be known by the pink color and the crossed diagonal lines (no horizontal or vertical lines) in the background; in 1884 the 200 reis appeared with a solid background.but with a magnifying glass traces of crossed lines can be seen. March 17, 1883 is given as the date of a new 100 reis; it differs from its predecessor by the position of the figures of value, which in 1882 were on a diagonal line passing (imaginary) through the center of the stamp,and in 1883 are at right angles with such a line; the background also appears solid, but traces of crossed lines may be found. On April 23, 1883 the 100 reis again appeared altered; the lines of the background are horizontal only and the head is a trifle larger than before. In 1884 the head of Dom Pedro on a new 20 reis was displaced by figures of value: there are some decided shades of this stamp. In July 1884 the 100 reis was issued in an entirely new design. In March 1885 the 10 reis came in orange instead of black and the 50 reis in blue with enlarged head. The 100 reis with numerals in the center is attributed to October 3, 1885 and the 50, 300 and 500 reis without portrait to February 1887; in the same year was also issued a new 700 reis. The new 1000 reis, with a microscopic view of the entrance to the Bay of Rio Janeiro is attributed to February or March 1888, and the 100 reis with colored figures on a white background to March 1888. It may be noticed that the gradual removal of Dom Pedro's portrait was ominous for his own removal from the empire. What really caused the alienation of the Brazilians from their once so popular,noble and beneficient monarch is a puzzle; it appears that many factors united in bringing about this result; one, of course, is the love of liberty and the example of the surrounding countries; another, no doubt, are intrigues and still another the temporary absence of the emperor from his country. It seems sad that after a reign of 49 (to 58, if the time of minority be included) years he should have been compelled to resign. It shows his noble character that he rather did so than to cause a civil war in trying to overcome his opponents.

Shortly after the republic had been proclaimed a new issue of stamps followed, 8 values, 20, 50, 100, 200. 300, 500, 700 and 1000 reis. The stamps are of poor workmanship, showing differences in size, impression, color, paper and perforation,as if the workmen were intoxicated while making them. The stamps of the first design (oval with Southern Cross) were not all issued at once but appeared gradually from 1890 to 1893. In 1891 the horrid 100 reis with liberty head appeared in two colors: here again we have an endless number of minor varieties caused by incompetence or carelessness of the workmen. The 3d 100 reis of the republic which came to light in 1893 is not much of an improvement.

In 1894 a new bicolored set was commenced. It was completed in 1897 and includes besides the values of the former issue a 10 and a 2000 reis stamp. Evidently the officers of the new republic wanted to produce something fine and to show the world what they could do. The latter they did; in the former they utterly failed. The 10r had to be re-engraved almost as soon as it was out. The two colors are poorly registered. The perforation is a complete muddle and the whole issue looks like cheap calico. If I am right, this issue is surface printed.

(To be continued.)

That Curious Word, "Philately"

By B. W. Warhurst

Philately is a curious word, certainly, and—as with the old lady who told her pastor that she "found great comfort in that blessed word Mesopotamia,"—many people now find financial support and recreative comfort from Philately. "But what does it mean?" To this, of course, Macaulay's omniscient schoolboy would reply, "Stamp collecting." Is that all then, and why is it so called? The dictionary will tell us that it was compounded from two Greek words—philo, loving, or fond of, and atelia, freedom from tax—thus making philatelie (in French form) as meaning a "fondness for objects that indicate freedom from tax." It is now thirty-seven years since Mons. Herpin introduced the word, as the habit of collecting stamps was growing rapidly, and some word was wanted that the collectors of any country might adopt without jealousy as to its being British or French extraction, such as Stampology or Timbromanie would be

In a general way the term philatelist is intended to apply to one who studies stamps or collects with knowledge and discretion, as distinct from one who is a mere accumulator of stamps or postcards, just as we use the similar words of numismatist and coin collector. So much condensed inforamtion is now given in the standard catalogues, especially those issued by the firm of Staney Gibbons, Ltd., that, in one sense, there is not so much need for investigation, and yet, in another sense, there is published therein only just sufficient to act as a stimulus for greater individual study and research.

Either as a recreation or a hobby, philately is the most delightful and harmless of all, possessing charm of variety and attractiveness that no other collecting can approach Moreover, it is suited to the means and comprehension of a young scholar, or of a South African or North American millionaire desiring to be relieved of the strain of his money bags. Speaking of mental strain, and consequent insomnia, many professional men and City merchants have discovered that, after returning home from a hard day's work there is no relaxation equal to that of turning to their stamps, for it enables them to forget their labour and worries, and to secure a good night's sleep and refreshment for the coming day. Historical and geographical information, a knowledge of engraving, printing, and colours, the familiarity with portraits of rulers or eminent men of many countries, pictures of scenery, copies of celebrated paintings, and illustrations of the flora and fauna, the birds, beasts, and fishes even of certain places, can all be obtained from those small bits of coloured paper called stamps, whether used for postal or fiscal purposes.

With coins, crests, china, and curios in general, there is no possibility of completion, as nobody knows enough of all the different issues or makes of these articles to catalogue them even approximately: but with postage stamps, their earliest history and every variety printed in every country have been made known, because they belong to a period within which all official information is obtainable, with a few exceptions, as to some temporary design or provisional issues From this published information a collector, beginning at any time, can learn exactly what varieties are obtainable, and the probable cost, varying as they do from a cent to a thousand pounds sterling.

and if he is a cautious or calculating man, who plans out his spending money as carefully as he does his means of making it, he can decide beforehand just how far he will go or what he will invest. For this is one of the advantages of stamps as compared with all other hobbies—that a man or woman can have the pleasure of collecting, looking at, and exhibiting his or her treasures, with the certain knowledge that they will increase in value, as they are not subject to the vagaries of fashion.

"Variety alone gives joy," our poets tell us. but in what hobby or pursuit can such variety be found as in stamps? Even if Great Britain alone be ransacked for specimens of the past sixty years only therewill be enough to occupy a wealthy collector some years; and if he goes beyond that, twice as many more varieties can be added, with the certainty of a thousand fresh ones for every year he lives. On the other hand, the humble toiler, with modest purse and desires, may find fresh pleasures in his album at a cost no greater than that of his music-hall, or even of the "plant divine of rarest virtue" whose "clouds all other clouds dispel."

A large number of our correspondents are in possession of stocks of the old English red penny stamps and the contemporary blue two-pennies, which they send to us in the hope that they are of value. Most of these submitted to us are of the 1858-64 issue, which is distinguished by the letters in each angle, the two opposite corners corresponding, which were put there to circumvent those ingenious persons who used to get the two partially obliterated stamps, cut them and join them again to make a brand new specimen. It is saddening to think of the infinity of trouble to which people will go to cheat His Majesty's Postmaster General out of a penny. If one examines these stamps one notes the presence of minute figures. known as plate numbers, worked into the network pattern along the side of the frame, the numbers running from 70 to 225 70 is rare and valuable, 75 is merely suspected to exist; 126 and 128 do not occur, the alleged plate 126, said to have been discovered in Australia in 1905, proving to be a stamp with a malformed 3 225 is catalogued at 10s. used None of the rest are of any value in a used state, though a good proportion of them are worth a shilling or so unused In the twopenny label the numbers run from 7 to 15, omitting II., the 7, 8 and 12, being good stamps, but only if unused. These remarks apply also to the little halfpenny issue of 1870 specimens of which are also submitted to us on numerous occasions. In these the plate numbers are found at the sides on a level with the I in ½d. No 9 is here the plum, being listed at £5 unused and 7s. 6d. to 4s 6d. used, according to condition. Of the series earlier, specimens of 1858 unused are very often treasures —From an English paper

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By a committee of the Dresden-Verein, as Der Philatelist announces, a new work on the Russian Rural or Seinstivo stamps is in preparation. Herr Fr. Breitfuss, Uewsky Ur 24, Moscow, is the chairman, and it may be expected as promised that the work will be one of the highest excellence. Only 200 copies are to be printed at 10 marks or $2 50 per part. A price catalogue will be issued in larger numbers and can be had at 5 marks or $1.25 each The language, of course, is German, possibly also Russian. How many parts there will be is not yet decided —Dorpat.

Uncle John's Stamps

By George G. Dimick

(Continued from last issue).

While looking through the album I noticed an ad in the back, of the people who had sold the book. It stated that they sold stamps and also bought them and I noticed that they were located on one of the principal business streets of the city, of which our town was a suburban dependency. Here was certainly a new phase of the hobby to me. I had never imagined that there were any organized firms handling stamps, etc., exclusively but as this was a good way to find out about the stamps, I decided to go to the city that afternoon and visit the firm, and find out if Uncle John had been taken in or if I had been beat.

I am an ardent bicyclist so I decided that I would make the trip on my wheel as the roads were good and it was only about a two hours ride. As soon as I had finished my lunch I started out, and on my way through town I stopped at the bank, and had my bill examined, and the cashier told me that it was undoubtedly a counterfeit so I started out again determined to hunt up Mr. Carter as well as visit the stamp company.

I was soon out of town and gliding pleasantly over country roads and enjoying the fresh balmy air. I soon covered about half the distance and was riding along in an instinctive manner, my mind being preoccupied with thought, when I came to a sudden bend in the road, which was rather narrow and curved sharply. Upon rounding this curve I found myself right under a large automobile which was coming at a rapid rate. The motorist blew his horn and tried frantically to stop and I swerved my wheel at the same time but we were both too late for the front wheel of the auto struck the back wheel of my bicycle and before I knew it I was lying at the side of the road with my wheel on top of me. The ground where I struck was not very hard and as the blow had been light I found upon sitting up that my injuries were very slight, numbering only a few bruises, some torn clothes and a mouth full of dust. I now noticed the motorist who was running back to find out about me and I was immediately struck with his appearance as he had a face and an air about him which I liked. Upon coming up to me he anxiously inquired if I was hurt and upon my telling him that I was not, he said that I had better come back to his home with him, as it was only a short distance away, and attend to my bruises and my tattered garments, and as I noticed my condition I readily acquiesced We put the remains of my wheel, which had suffered worse than I, into the back of the auto and were about to start off when my new friend, whose name was Wilson, noticed the stamp album, which had been knocked from under my arm when I fell and was now lying by the side of the road. He picked up the album and when he saw what it was he seemed rather interested as he asked me if they were my stamps and if I was a Philatelist, and a number of other questions regarding them. When I saw the album and heard his questions I could hardly refrain from using some bad language. Those miserable stamps; those insignificant little pieces of paper, the cause of my losing my share of Uncle John's property, the cause of my being swindled by a sharp and now the cause of my being in my present plight. But seeing the uselessness of being bitter against the stamps I started answering my friend's

questions. I told him all about the stamps also stating that they were for sale and that that was my mission to the city. I then wound up by asking him what was a philatelist? He explained and as we had now started off we soon reached his home, which was a large colonial mansion with a very home like air.

We entered the house and with Wilson's wardrobe,etc., at my disposal I soon made myself presentable. We then retired to the library and were soon on the best of terms. He then explained that he was interested in stamps and as I had said that mine were for sale he would like to look them over with the prospect of buying if they were what he wanted. I placed the stamps at his disposal and he was soon deeply interested in them. Every little while he would point out some specimen of unusual value or rarity and after he had looked them over he informed me that I had a very good collection and as it was the very thing he had been looking for for some time he would like to make me an offer of one thousand dollars for the album and contents complete.

The fact that my friend and my Uncle collected stamps and remembering the means that Carter had gone to swindle me had at last convinced me that stamps were of some value but I was not prepared for such an offer as Wilson had just made me and you can imagine how quick I was in accepting it. We then agreed that before my friend paid for the stamps we would go to the city and let the firm of dealers examine the collection to see if there really were any forgeries in it. Wilson said that he was sure the e were not but we both agreed that this was the safest course to pursue so we decided to go to the city the first thing next morning. It was agreed that I should stay all night at Wilson's so we soon had dinner and then my friend amused me throughout the evening by showing me his stamps and explaining the hobby to me and when I retired to my room for the night I found that I had gotten very interested in the things and I could not help but think what an interesting turn of events they had thrown me in contact with in the last thirty six hours.

The next morning we made an early start for the city and as Wilson's machine was a good one we were not long in getting there It was agreed that we should go to the stamp company first and that I should then put the Carter matter in the hands of the police.

We arrived at the company which had good quarters in the best part of town, and I was surprised at such prosperity of a stamp company. We entered the store and I was soon introduced to the members of the firm by Wilson who seemed to be well known by them all. We then withdrew to the private office to consult the expert about the collection. As we entered I noticed that there were two persons in the office,one whom I did not know but the other who was seated with his back to me looked strangely familiar. He turned as we entered and I immediately recognized him as Carter the grafter. Upon seeing me his surprise was so great that he could not move or say a word but I did not allow him to remain in this position long for I immediately told him that hif game was up and that I was on to him. I then hurriedly explained to Wilson who he was. While I was talking however Carter made for the door and before we knew it he was out and gone. We chased him a short way but he succeeded in dodging us so we put the matter in the hands of the police and returned to the stamp store. I was

rather crestfallen at not having caught him but my feelings were quickly relieved for upon entering the office I saw the stamp album that Carter had skinned me out of lying on the stamp dealers desk and after some necessary explanation my stamps were returned to me. It turned out that Carter was trying to dispose of his illgotten gain to the dealer when we entered and in his hurry to leave he had forgotten the stamps.

The dealer then passed judgement on the collection and it was then transferred to Wilson. Wilson and the dealer both made me offers on my other album but these I refused as I had become rather interested in stamps and wished to keep the remaining ones. It is needless to say that I turned out to be a stamp crank and I have often thought upon looking through my album that Uncle John was not as big a fool as I at one time thought him.

Philatelic Side Lines, Number Two

By L. G. Dorpat

This neat little pamphlet of 28 pages and covers similar to Number One is issued and copyrighted by the Springfield Stamp Club of Springfield. Mass. It treats: Encased Postage Stamps, Cigar Stamps, Customs Cigar Stamps, Small Cigar Stamps, Export Cigar Stamps, Cigarette Stamps and Customs Cigarette Stamps and brings these up to date The Committee on Publication consists of Messrs. Stone, Prevost, Curtis, Bartlett and Munroe. Their names alone warrant good and thorough work. By their own exertions as well as by the whole club's support and the cooperation of such men as Chas. Gregory, H. E. Deats, E. G. Green, and H. E Wilson a list of the stamps named has been produced, which is not equaled by any other publication treating them. The price of the little book is only 15 cents a copy, or 25 cents together with Number One (treating Hydrometer Labels, Lock Seals, Beer Stamps, etc) They may be ordered from Mr. J. D. Bartlett, 19 Mattoon St., Springfield, Mass. Other numbers will probably follow, and parties interested will do well to procure Nos. 1 and 2 as long as they can be had. Sterling's Revenue Catalogue was once considered dear at 50 cents a copy; now it can hardly be had for $2 50. As revenues are receiving more attention in Europe as well as in America, the time may come, when it will be likewise with these pamphlets. Definite information is always desirable on any subject, but it is especially difficult to obtain in regard to Side Lines.

As Der Philatelist quotes from the Berliner Tageblatt the Reichsdruckerei, that is the imperial printery, manufactured from 1906 to 1907 36,801,000 sheets of postage stamps of 100 each and 532.658,000 postal cards and postal orders, which is about 122,670 sheets and 1,775,526 cards a day. 150 boxes are the daily average sent out. 250 persons are employed on stamps, while the whole printery employs 2400 heads. Cards are printed on rotation presses, stmps up to 80 pf. are printed by the surface-printing process, but the mark values are produced from copper plates. There are four stamp presses which together produce 64,000 stamps per minute. For surface-printing the paper is gummed before printing, for copper-plate printing after printing. 75,000 kilograms of gum Arabic are used annually and as much as 3,500 kilograms of printing color, green, red, brown and blue.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



Questions relative to stamps will be answeres in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included beside the fee above provided for.

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412. Is it advisable for a beginner to speculate in stamps? Decidedly not, except to be a genius in speculation! Speculation is an uncertain thing even for the expert, but a person who knows neither the stamps, nor their prices, nor the market, is almost certain to lose in trying to gain on stamps. There are, of course, exceptions, as, for instance, if one finds a sheet of Buffalo stamps with inverted center at his post office where he can buy them for face value, or if one finds an old forgotten box of patent medicines with a 6 cents orange proprietary revenue stamp on each bottle which he can buy for 50 cents or one dollar each, or an old letter file with a few dozen Executive Department stamps on big, heavy letters, or something like these supposed cases. But these exceptional cases are rare! To buy Seebecks or common continental European stamps from approval sheets at 33 to 50 per cent discount from catalog prices with the hope of making a big profit on them is down-right foolishness,and so it is with a great many other stamps. Nevertheless there is money in stamps, as the large number of successful dealers testify by their undeniable success, and as we are compelled to conclude from the big sales at auction or otherwise that run far into the hundreds and even thousands. In order to make a success of it, it is necessary that one be qualified both commercialy and philatelicaly. Unless one is certain of possessing these qualifications, it would be very unwise for him to try on a large scale and to risk any nameworthy amounts. A good plan to follow is, perhaps, to take the agency for some experienced dealer for a while, and, if one is successful in that, then to start in heavier.

432. Where are the Cayman Islands and what are the facts in the Cayman Island stamp scandal? The Cayman (Alligator) Islands are within the government of Jamaica. Grand Cayman is situated about 81½ degrees West and 19 1 3 degrees North and Little Cayman and Cayman Brae are about 100 miles east of it. All three are 150 to 200 miles northwest of Jamaica and about the same distance south from Cuba. They are small and seem to be of little importance. Regarding the scandal I quote from Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal for April 1908: "It appears that in the course of last year a whole series of stamps,½d, 1d, 2½d, 6d, and 1s. all (except some of the 1d) bearing the King's head, were withdrawn from circulation, for no apparent reason whatever; as late asDec. 9, 1907 they were being offered for sale in one lot by a person in the Cayman Islands, while the fact that in January, 1908, they were stated by the Commissioner to be in the hands of the Governor of Jamaica shows that they had never passed out of the possession of the authorities. It is therefore clear that at the very time when the provisional ½d and 1d stamps were being made there was a considerable quantity of both those values on hand, as the stock reported in January to have been sent to Jamaica included 81 sheets of ½d and 295½ sheets of 1d. There were also, in the same lot,88 5-6 sheets of 2½d,showing that all the recent provisionals were absolutely unnecesary, and that their existence is due to some most extraordinary proceedings, which require a good deal of explanation."

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Agreeable to requests which have been made on several occasions, I beg to list below the names of those members who are now in good standing. It has been found necessary to drop many for the non payment of dues while several more suspensions are likely to occur in the near future. All cards should expire not before "Dec. 31st, 1908." Please look yours up and remit if overdue

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Our annual meeting and election of officers will be held in December and as the holidays will soon be over there should be a return of interest to stamp collecting. Look over our list and note which of your friends are not members, they should be, so you will be conferring a favour all around by sending each an application blank. There are many ways in which our society can be improved. It should be the duty of each member to help improve it, make ours a society that we may be proud of. If you recognize the

name of anyone on the above roll who is better fitted to act as an officer, propose his name—the present officers, while doing their best, are ready one and all to step out in favour of a better man. We need a recruiting committee badly—members who will sacrifice a few hours a week for the good of the cause. We need several other things and it is up to the members to see that we get them by filing their proposal with the secretary before the annual meeting, as long before as possible in order that the members may be acquainted with everything to be decided before the annual vote is taken.

Shall we get into harness for a long, strong pull and a pull altogether? Speak up! R. J. Mundell, Sec'y, Montreal.

British South Africa--By A. K. Nuck

This country has many attractions for the beginner. Its stamps are mostly within reach of the average collector and it is not an old stamp issuing country, the first issue appearing in 1890. The different issues have interesting designs and the country itself affords considerable interest for the collector.

It is as the heading indicates a British possession, it being British territory owing to the famous Cecil Rhodes. There is quite a romance connected with Rhodesia as it is now generally called. After taking his degree at Oxford Rhodes was advised to go to Africa for his health and here he afterwards made his home After making a fortune in the Kimberly diamond fields he entered politics and rose to the Prime Minister of Cape Colony.

Becoming interested in the country to the north of the Transvaal he interested several in it and in 1899 a royal charter was granted to the British South Africa Company to develop the country lying between the Transvaal and the Zambesi River on the south and north respectively and from the Portuguese possessions on the east to Damaraland on the west. This vast territory of which as yet little is known is under the administration of the British South Africa Company with Imperial supremacy.

From a philatelic point of view it is a very interesting country to study. The stamps at present bear the name of the company, but it is becoming more generally known as Rhodesia after its founder Cecil Rhodes. When the company have developed the country it will no doubt pass out of their control into the hands of the Imperial Government and doubtless the stamps will then be labeled Rhodesia.

The charter was granted to the company in Oct. 1889 and in December of the next year the first stamps were issued.

After much discussion as to the design a heraldic design was selected. This design may be described as follows: Gold discs to represent the mineral wealth; ears of wheat to foretell the future agricultural development of the country; the oxen are the emblems of the needful beasts of burden; the wavy lines represent the rivers of the country and the galleys the ships to be used on them. The animals on either side of the shield represent the wild animals of the territory. The lion is the usual British one and the remainder of the bearings refer to the Duke of Abercorn the first president of the British South Africa Company.

Illustrations of U. S. Stamps in the U. S. And the Law--By L G. Dorpat

MeKeel's Weekly for May 9 says: "Important national legislation affecting the postal laws will be asked of the next session of congress by the four national stamp collecting societies, which held their annual conventions in Columbus late in July, if the plans of the Columbus Collector's Club do not miscarry. Resolutions were introduced in each of the conventions, asking congress to amend the laws prohibiting the reproduction in any form, of postage and fiscal issues so that demonetized United States stamps may be illustrated in black and white, in publications approved by the postmaster general."

This plan seems excellent and should, I think, receive the ardent support of every philatelist throughout the country, whether he be a member of one of the large national societies or not Every stamp society large or small and every individual collector as well as every philatelic writer, editor and publisher should put his shoulder to the wheel and help to push the cart along.

Why? Because there is hardly any other country in the world that denies the freedom which we are denied here Because the illustration of stamps being permitted our publications, journals, catalogues and hand books will gain 50 to 100 per cent in value and attractiveness. Because the illustrations will give a new impulse to collecting as well as to the publication of improved literature. Because the law, as it stands, never had the intention to prohibit, what we shall ask to be permitted, though its words deny it.

ANOTHER STAMP-PAPERED ROOM.

In the quaint old market town of Chipping Sodbury Gloucestershire, is to be seen a remarkably papered room. The house in which it is situated (says the "Bath Herald") belongs to Mr Freeman, a retired schoolmaster of the town, and the dimensions of the room are 16ft. by 15ft. For many years past Mr. Freeman's hobby has been to collect stamps—both English and foreign Having got together several hundreds of thousands—tied up in bundles of 100 each—he wondered how they could be profitably utilised Having spare time on his hands the ex schoolmaster thought he could not do better than to paper a room with them, and after getting the walls properly prepared the monotonous work began about 18 months ago. To get the stamps all of the same thickness each one was soaked in water and all foreign stuff at the back was removed; then, when perfectly dry each was gummed. The walls were pencilled first in a series of designs in the shape of squares. The center of each square is composed of the familiar threepenny yellow stamp. The margin of the squares is composed of the ordinary penny ones. All the other stamps are blended together in proper shades. The angles of the walls of the window, doorway and fireplace are papered with cigar bands, their circular shape fitting very easily. When the whole was papered Mr. Freeman had it varnished. The room is probably unique in this part of the country. The number of stamps used was 56,050, and the time taken 15 months.

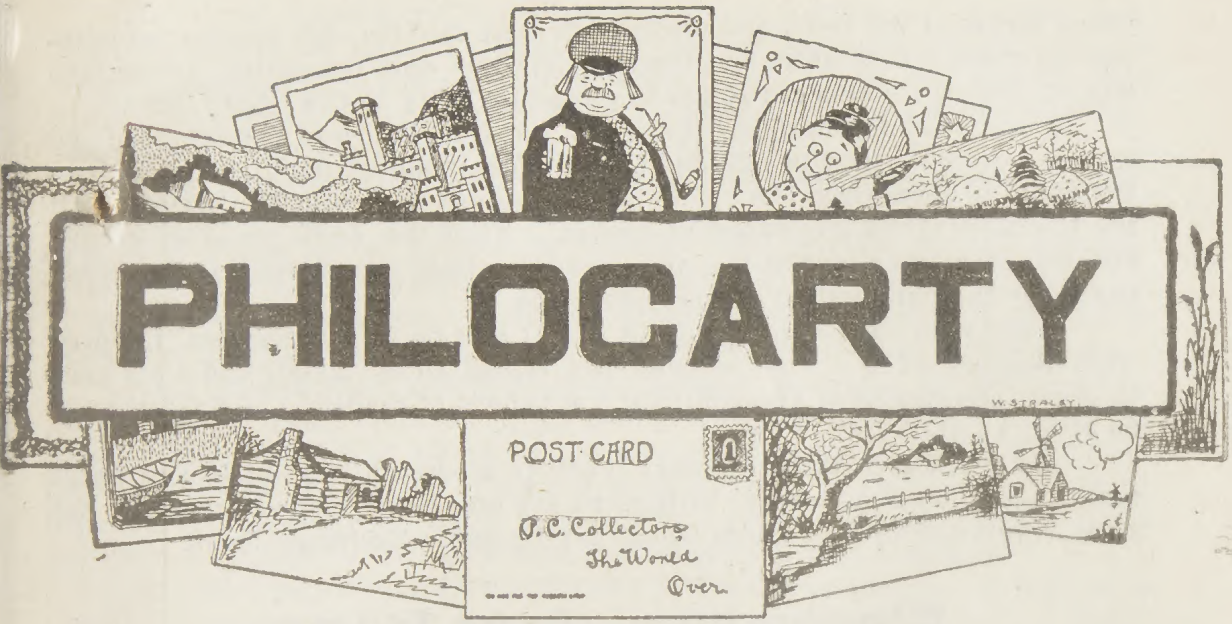
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How To Collect Stamps Cheaply

Stamp collecting is not necessarily a hobby for those who are rich. Many small collectors are staggered by the big prices paid for single stamps, and they give up collecting in despair. This is wrong. A hobby is what you make it, and stamp collecting can be made to suit every purse. A collector may obtain his stamps very cheaply if the following hints are observed.

The common stamps can be obtained for nothing. Many young collectors employed in offices find the waste-paper basket a mine of philatelic wealth. Others have relatives in foreign countries who occasionally write home. If you have a soldier or sailor friend on foreign duty a broad hint to him will bring quite a number of specimens. Many people who receive sometimes really scarce stamps on their letters from abroad would save them from the fire if they knew of some stamp collecting friend. Stamps may be bought cheaply in a variety of places and ways. Sheets are often displayed in the windows of newsagents, and they often yield great bargains. Beginners must be careful, however, as forgeries abound, and most likely the stamps have been exposed to the sun and lost their colour. A collector living in the city can sometimes arrange with the cleaner of a suite of offices to buy the produce of the waste paper basket. These people know that stamps have a marketable value and, will accept any reasonable offer for whatever is collected in the waste-paper baskets. Sometimes stamps may be bought cheaply from a money changer. These people sometimes cash unused foreign stamps at a discount off face value. Such stamps they will often re-sell at a small profit rather than get their money back by sending them to the agents in the various countries of issue. Another way to obtain stamps cheaply is to exchange any duplicates you have with another collector. If the advertisement columns of this journal be scanned there will be found many foreign collectors who will be only too glad to exchange his duplicates for yours. If you do not want, however, to be at the trouble of sending your stamps away try an exchange club. This is a good way of obtaining stamps cheaply, because you can examine all stamps before exchanging, and the subscriptions are very small while in many clubs nothing whatever is charged except a little commission for postage and other expenses.—Collectors' Journal.

Trinidad Postage Due Rubbish. I think I cannot do better than quote the Postage Stamp's remarks on the announcement that Postage Due Stamps of Trinidad will now be supplied to the public cancelled: "If we had a real live and influential Philatelic Society, backed up by dealers, it would soon put an end to this sort of scandal.—Wanted, a Society of Collectors and Dealers.—Indeed, I am inclined to think that what we want is a strong and International Society of Collectors and Dealers for mutual protection. The ordinary philatelic society is not worth a tinker's curse as a protective society. I don't know one that possesses either the ability or the energy to raise even a feeble protest against this deliberate milking of stamp collectors. For mutual admiration and the cultivation of amusing fossils they are all that can be desired. but for aggressive work they are practically useless. They sadly need hybridising."—Collectors' Journal.



Post Card Booths at Fairs

The Post Card Booth at the Bazaar of the High School in an eastern city, was one of the novel features of that very successful affair. The Bazaar was held on three consecutive evenings during the week, in the interest of the Public Library, which is connected with the schools.

One Hundred and Sixty-two Dollars and Fifty two cents were netted for the library and of this sum, Fifteen Dollars and Twenty Cents was netted at the "Post Card Booth" The Booth was arranged in one corner of the room and the cards and Albums were displayed upon a table which was appropriately decorated and made attractive for the occasion.

About fifteen Post Cards containing the Autographs of such prominent people as Sir Thomas Lipton, Roosevelt, the late Grover Cleveland, Lieut. General Nelson A Miles, Admiral George Dewey, R. D. Evans, F E. Chadwick, F. A. Cook, C E. Clark and Chas D Sigsbee, etc., were displayed with an eye to secure the interest of our patrons in Post Cards. These cards were taken from my private collection and each card contained a picture which is in some way appropriate to the person autographing it. In way of explanation, I might say that the card autographed by Sir Thomas Lipton, contains the picture of "An Ocean Yacht Race" Miss Roosevelt's autograph appears on a card containing a picture of Prince Henri, Uncle Sam, Miss Roosevelt and the launching of the Yacht "Meteor." The cards upon which the various Admirals have placed their signatures contain a picture of the War Vessel which that Admiral commanded in the "Spanish-American War." This devise was a success and proved a good drawing card and the "Post Card" booth was never deserted.

To call attention to holiday cards, a large placard was designed and ornamented and contained the inscription, "Send a card Greeting to your Friends." It cost but five cents to let one know you think of him. In this way many cards found a ready disposal.

The "Post Card Booth" was in charge of three attractive and popular

young ladies of the town and many cards were sold through personal solicitation by these young ladies and the chief victims were the gallant young men who so frequently chanced to get in close proximity to the "Card Booth"

A small table containing ink, pens, blotters, etc, was also provided and stamps were on sale: this afforded the purchasers an opportunity to address the cards at once while the young ladies assumed the responsibility of mailing the cards if the purchasers so desired. Thus the cards could be secured and mailed at once, and this plan seemed to please the patrons as it saved them any further thought about their cards.

There were very many kinds of Post Cards on sale and several hundred were disposed of This scheme was conceived by myself and I am glad to report the success of the affair for the benefit of readers, and ask that it be given a trial.

Our Post Cards booth has done much to arouse an interest in Post Cards and to my knowledge several collections are now being made by parties not at all interested in Post Cards before our Bazaar.—Exchange News.

Washington of the Stamps

Washington's portrait has been borne by many of the regular United States postage stamps from the very first year of their issue down to the present time, and yet it is an open question whether a single one of these representations is a faithful likeness of the Father of His Country.

The first United States stamp to bear the bust of Washington was the ten cent black of the 1847 issue, which showed a three quarters face of Washington, looking to the right; the portrait was taken from Stuart's painting. Of the 1851—55 issue the three cent brick red stamp bore a profile bust of Washington, facing to the left.

The ten cent dark green and the twelve cent black stamp of the same issue show a three quarters face of Washington to the left, these two also being taken from Stuart's painting.

The twenty-four cent dark lilac stamp of the 1857-60 issue showed a three-quarters face to the right, from Stuart's painting, while the ninety cent indigo blue stamp of the same issue showed a portrait of Washington in General's uniform, after the painting by Trumbull.

The three cent stamp of the 1870 issue showed the bust of Washington, after Houdon's statute, the bust being on a shield which rested on a dimly lined ground. Of the issue of 1890 the two cent stamp showed a profile of the bust of Washington, after Houdon.

Many of the other stamps have borne designs similar to those described, but the portraits have almost invariably been taken from the works of the three artists—Stuart. Trumbull and Houdon.

The widely known Stuart representation of Washington shows him with a broad face bearing a dignified, benevolent expression. This may be said to be the favorite portrait of Washington, the one carried in the mind of the average American. Yet it has been contended that it is defective as a likeness.

Washington, say those who find fault with the Stuart portrait, had rather a thin face, and in proof of this they point to Houdon's statue of Washington in the Capitol at Richmond, Va. The French sculptor was commissioned in 1785 by the State Assembly of Virginia to execute a statute

of Washington in marble.

He visited Washington at his home at Mount Vernon in 1785 and took a plaster cast of his face. Later he made many minute measurements of his height, costume, &c., and endeavored to show him just as he was at that time. The result was the statue which by some is regarded as the best representation in marble of Washington ever executed.

When Congress commissioned the French medallist Du Vivier to execute a medal to commemorate Washington's services leading up to the evacuation of Boston by the British the followed the portrait in the Houdon statue. That medal, experts say, is the most faithful metalic likeness of Washington ever produced. American artists time and again in executing medals of Washington have selected as their model the work of Du Vivier.

Both Charles and Rembrandt Peale painted portraits of Washington, and a distinguishing feature of their likenesses is the invariable thinness of face. It is related that Rembrandt Peale, not thoroughly satisfied with his previous efforts, resolved to attempt the painting of a still more faithful likeness of Washington. After finishing his work, which he painted from memory, he called in Col. Lawrence Washington to pass judgment.

Col. Washington paced up and down before the painting, pleased to a certain extent, and yet not seemingly completely satisfied After an interval of scrutiny he said: "Peale that is a very good reproduction, but there is something lacking," and he left, to come back next day.

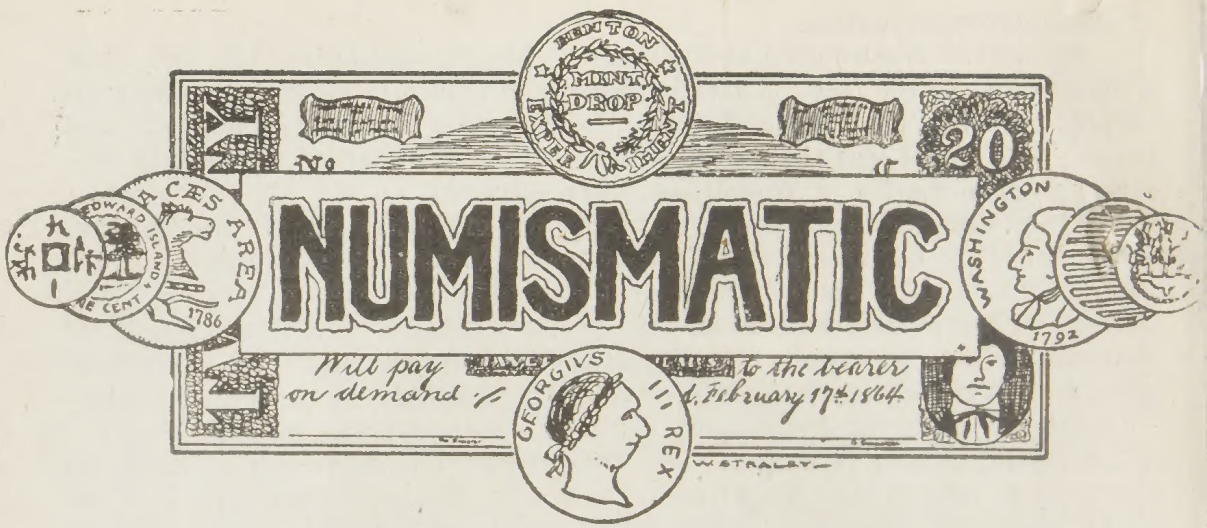
Peale in a letter to a friend at the time says the idea suddenly occurred to him that the last time he had seen Washington—at a review of troops in Philadelphia—he had been struck by the sunken appearance of Washington's eyes, and forthwith he took his brush and added a faint shadow under the eyes of the portrat. When Col. Washington called the next day he once more paced to and fro in front of the painting and after some time remarked: "Peale, I thought yesterday that some improvement might be made, but today I am convinced that nothing is left to be desired and therefore I would suggest that no changes be made."

His suggestion was heeded by the painter. The portrait now hangs in the collection of a Chicago collector of Americana. The general outline of the face is not greatly dissimilar to the Stuart conception, except that it is thinner and the features less idealized. Much of the repose, dignity and benevolence of expression shown in the Stuart representation remains, yet the face is lined.

KING HALS' CRADLE

The sale of the collection of the late Dr. W. J. Brackenridge, at Christie's, London. which recently took place, was of an unusual character, the objects that had been collected durng more than one generation being out of the ordinary run. Very early enamels, carv.ngs and gold and silversmiths' work were features

The most interesting piece was a cradle, whose history attributes it to having held Henry V. The figure of an eagle on either post, from which the cradle swings, possibly represents the Monthermer arms, for the cradle was in the possession of this family down to 1794. The infant Prince was for some time at Courtfield, near Monmouth, under the care of Lady Montacute, heiress of Lord de Monthermer, and granddaughter of Edward I, so the pedigree of the cradle needs no confirmation. It realized $1200 and goes to the royal collection.



History of the U S. Dollar

The first United States dollars were authorized to be struck by the act of April 2, 1792, but none were struck until June. 1794.

They were a very pretty coin, were a little larger around but not so thick as the dollars of the present time, weighed 416 grains and 892 4 fine, with one hundred cents or one dollar lettered on the edge instead of a milled edge This issue is quite rare and is quoted from $75 to $150 They were issued each year with a few slight alterations in the design until 1804, then coinage on dollars ceased. This dollar of 1804 is one of the rarest and most talked of U S. issues. often called the "King of Coins" They have sold from $1,500 to $3 000 During 1804 there were 19,570 dollars struck, but no records show what ever became of them. It is supposed that they were melted over again into bullion for other coins, as there was more demand for the smaller denominations None were known of in existence until 1843, when a school teacher in the east produced one she had that was given her several years previous by a man who had worked for her father. He told her that he received it from the government in his army pay about 1812. It was then known that there was more in circulation and this one was all that was known of until 1873, when a man in charge of the mint, who had access to the old dies which were stored in the basement of the mint. got out the old dies and struck two more and gave away or sold them. This constituted the much-talked-of "only three 1804 dollars." But of late years they have been bobbing up all over the country, until now collectors know of about twenty in all,but whether they are genuine or not, has not yet been proved.

The dies are not kept any more, but are destroyed each year.

In 1836 coinage was again resumed, a new pattern altogether, with milled edge, weight reduced to 412 grain, 900 fine One thousand were struck. These are quite valuable, and sell from $15 to $25. In 1837 only about 300 were struck, and in 1838-1839 only a very few were struck These are classed as pattern pieces or trial coins, and are very rare, selling from $75 to $100 Then from 1840 the dollars were struck regularly until 1858 when only a few were struck in proof condition. On Feb. 12, 1873. coinage on the standard dollar was again discontinued, but in the meantime a new pattern was got up with the weight raised to 420 grain, 900 fine, called the

trade dollars, coined for our trade with the orient, particularly China. This dollar continued to be struck until 1883, then coinage ceased and in 1887 the trade dollar was called in by the government.

The trade dollar occupies a unique place in the currency history of this country. It is the only money issue of Uncle Sam with a stamped value that was later depreciated Hundreds of thousands of these are unredeemed today, and are worth only bullion value, about 50 cents, but commonly sell for more. There were 35,965,924 trade dollars struck.

During the time of the trade dollar a new issue had been got up, called the Bland dollar, taking its name from a very eminent statesman, Richard P. Bland Miss Anna L Williams, a Philadelphia school teacher, represented the French profile of Liberty, which came about in this way. During the years of 1877 1878, G T. Morgan, the government designer, was working on the sketches for the imprint of the new dollar, and Prof. Thomas Eakins, then of the academy of fine arts, advised him to use a life study and introduced him to Miss Williams Miss Williams, who possessed strikingly classical features, consented to sit for the drawing and her profile was used and completed the design of the new dollar, and has been used ever since on the dollar which continued to be struck every year until 1904, when coinage on dollars ceased. These two coincidences show that the school teachers have had a prominent part in the history of the U. S dollar.

A peculiar mistake was made by Mr. Morgan in the 1878 pattern, in the number of feathers in the eagle's tail. He put in eight feathers, and in March it was discovered that all eagles have only seven feathers in their tails. So a new die was made, and more dollars of 1878 were struck with seven feathers Thus the cause of the 1878 dollar with seven and eight tail feathers.

There were issued from 1794 to 1878 a total of only 8,031,238 dollars, but in 1878 the output was greatly increased and 32,495,550 were struck. The average coinage since 1878, to 1904, has been 20,000 000 a year, and the total from Jan. 1, 1887 to Dec. 31. 1904, is 570,272,610. These include 50,000 Lafayette dollars, coined in 1899, but dated 1900, which sold for $2 each to help pay for the Lafayette monument. The act providing for the coinage of silver dollars and purchase of silver bullion, known as the Sherman act, has not been repealed but the bullion purchase of the issue has been exhausted, and no more can be coined without congressional legislation.

By a strange coincidence the death of the Sherman act, for the purchase of silver for the dollars, happened in the year 1904, just one hundred years later than the last long interruption in the coinage of the dollars of 1804. Such was the death of the United States dollar. What will be the silver dollar of the future? We trust that it will not be the Bryan cart wheel size. Some one in the east has suggested that a new pattern be made, with 50 cents of silver, 50 cents of gold, and enough alloy to make a dollar just two-thirds the size of the present dollar, and would be worth 100 cents the world over

F. N. PINKERTON, Marshalltown, Iowa.

Some china figures collected by a famous draper were sold recently at about $500 per inch, rather a long figure for a lady wearing a pink bodice and a large crinoline, carrying under her arm a pug dog, another one resting at her feet.



EDITOR'S NOTE. The editor of this department would like to receive papers, magazines, books, etc. dealing with the subjects of Archeology and Conchology for review; also would appreciate clippings or accounts of discoveries along the lines of Indian relics and shells. Proper credit will be given. Address, W. Straley, Nelson, Nebr.

Report 2—U. S National Museum—"Basket-work of the North American Aborigines" by Otis T. Mason (1884): This report of 16 pages of matter and 64 full page plates and descriptions of the basket-work of the aborigines is quite interesting and instructive. The plates show the compleetd article and the manipulation of the weave in construction. The subheads are: "Aleutian Islands"; "Tinne Indians"; "Chilkaht Indians' ; "Haida Indians"; "Bilhoolas Etc."; "Makahs and Chihalis"; "Oregon and California Tribes"; "Sahaptin Stock"; "The Great Interior Basin"; "Southern Indian Basketry"; "Algonkin and Iriquois Basketry"; "Central and South American Basketry."

The following was sent in by E. C. Fritz of Medina, Ohio: "I recently took a tramp in quest of Indian relics—the scene of my operations was several newly cultivated fields, in fact were for the first time turned with the plow this spring. Relics in this section were quite numerous in former years, but of late are getting quite scarce On the trip mentioned I picked up 14 arrowheads, mostly of black flint, while now and then a white one, one point being very fine, some 4 inches long and not exceeding ¾ of an inch at the greatest width, being very slender and showing very fine workmanship and pure pearl in color. Also found one small stone ax of a very black stone, 3 flint scrapers and an oval stone with a hole entirely through it near one end; am at a loss to know what use it could have been put to. This was all I succeeded in picking up that day. We have a large variety of relics in this county, and some have secured very fine collections, of which I might write at some future time." (Keep up your search in the newly cultivated fields and am sure you will make some good finds The oval stone with the perforation in the end may have been used for an ornament or a sinker. Will be pleased at any time to receive notes on finds and collections from you.—Editor.)

While looking at some bones that had been exhumed at a well in the R Hemphill pasture 12 miles east of town a few days ago, W Hunter realised that he had discovered a large human skeleton. Upon close examination he found that the skeleton bore evidences of a tragedy, for buried in the breast bone was a flint arrowhead 5 inches in length, and the skull was crushed in,

the stones with which it was probably done being inside the skull. The central portion of the skeleton was charred, as if fire might have been used as a torture. All except one of the teeth were intact, but much worn. The bones of the skull are quite thick The indications are that the remains are those of an Indian, probably those of a Tonkaway, who fell into the hands of the Comanches, who were their relentless enemies and almost exterminated that tribe Mr Hemphill has the relics at his ranch.—Haskell (Texas) Free Press.

An exchange has this to say of the one-time masters of this country: "The American Indian has a record as an inventor which cannot be shaken. In the first place he invented the birch-bark canoe which has never yet been equaled for lightness, gracefulness and carrying capacity. The snowshoe is also his invention—perfect in form, like the old violins, incapable of improvement."

Whisper Advertisements

A small space is a whisper. Does it not make you mad when you go to a public meeting, banquet, or some other affair where there are speakers, to have a fellow get up and make his mouth go without emitting enough sound to make himself audible to any except those immediately in front of him?

That's the "one inch" man who is on the subscription list of the paper in which he advertises and gets up in his feeble way and whispers his shrinking little message, winning the pity of those who cannot hear and the disgust of those who can.

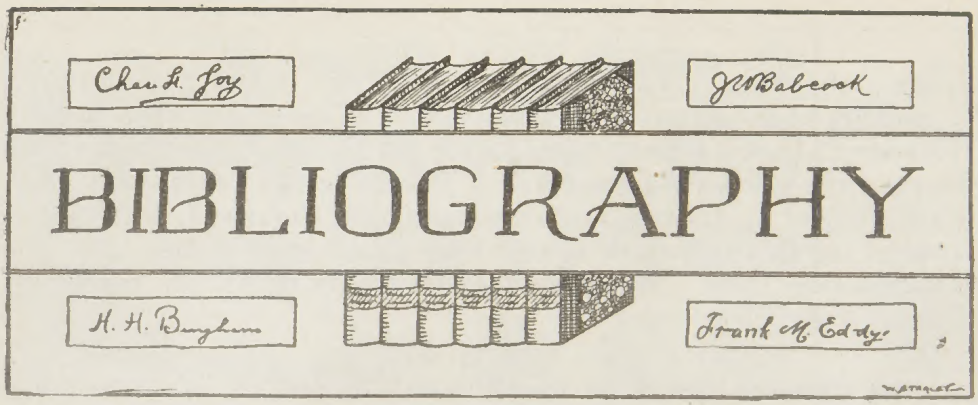
What a relief it is after passing through such a painful experience to have some big chested, clear-eyed, level headed speaker get up and fill the hall with the resonance of his voice. That is the full page man with good copy and good cuts in his ad.

Nothing is more exasperating to a publisher of a paper than to see a fellow who can well afford to use adequate space, whose proposition is good and will win if properly presented, so blinded by the 10-cent piece which he holds against his eyeballs against his own interests that he uses one, two or three inches of space and tries to crowd a column's worth into that. Take notice that the ones who have the large page ads and stay six months or more are the ads who stay and summer months are the best time when there are not so many to compete against. Try it & C.—Post Card News.

COINS AND DEEDS UNDER CABIN.

Millville, N. J.—While Edward Cotty, of Risley, was engaged in digging a cellar under the Lukins cabin, about six miles east of Millville, near Camp Snyder, yesterday, he struck a huge stone. Assisted by Andrew Snyder, the veteran deer hunter, they lifted the stone and found an old iron can containing a considerable sum of money and valuable papers, including several old deeds, which are believed to cover a large portion of the deer woods surrounding the cabin, which are now claimed by non-resident sportsmen.

The cabin has stood for almost a half-century and has not been occupied for a number of years except by hunting parties.



Remainder Book Bargains

(Continued from last issue.)

(2) Erskine—Lady Diana Beauclerk: Her Life and Work, by Mrs. Steuart Erskine. Profusely illustrated with coloured plates, lithographs, and many reproductions in half-tones Among the plates are coloured stipple prints after Bartolozzi, designs for Wedgwood, family portraits after Sir Joshua Reynolds, and many original sketches never before published. Very handsome volume in royal 4to. cloth full gilt, gilt top—Fisher Unwin. Published at $10 net. Now offered at $2 50 (Postage 15c.)

(3) Dobson (Austin) Thomas Bewick and His Pupils. An account of the Art of Wood Engraving: and its revival, extraordinary development and advance by Bewick: his marvellous gifts as an Artist, Naturalist, Humourist and satirist, etc , with 95 illustrations Published at 90c (formerly $2.60). Now offered at 40c (Post 10c.)

(4) Women Painters of the World from the Time of Caterina Virgi, 1413—1463, to Rosa Bonheur and the Present Day. Splendidly illustrated with about 300 examples of the art of the Women Painters of the World (over 200 artists are represented) during the last four centuries and a half. The illustrations include 7 facsimile plates in colour, 6 Rembrandt Photogravures, 32 Monochrome Plates, 4 Duplex Plates, and about 250 Half-Tone Plates; all reproduced in the highest styles of art. Cr. 4to cloth, gilt top—Hodder and Stoughton. Published at $1.85 net. Now offered at $1.00. (Postage 12c.)

The six handsome volumes now lie before me. I selected them because I knew that they would be useful to a collector and connoisseur now, and because I believe that they will become rare and pecuniarily valuable as the years go on They are not books which have failed, though many "remainder" books are; to choose between the failures and the books of lasting importance is the art in this matter. In condition and date of pubilcation the six volumes are "as new." The dates of publication are 1905, 1904, 1903, 1902, and, in the case of the book on Bewick 1899. They are delightful to own and handle, beautifully printed, finely illustrated, strongly and handsomely bound, and the prices which second-hand booksellers ask for them second-hand amount to more than the $10.50 which is now the cost of them new. Are you interested in mezzotints, Bewick woodcuts, Lady Di's designs for Wedgwood medallions? Are you a woman, interested in the artistic achievements of women? Did you see the books advertised when they were

published, but felt that you could not afford them at the total published price of $30? Those are reasons for buying "remainder" copies. But there are hundreds of other "remainder" books, some of which may also interest you. I feel I need mention no further reasons for writing about new books that are cheaper than second hand.

But I turn again to the books I have chosen for mention. Here is "Lady Diana Beauclerk," delightful and beautiful, and aristocratic and artistic as she was herself—an edition de luxe, indeed, eight colour plates, one photogravure, one steel engraving, and 105 monotint pictures "in the text" —I find here just that list of Lady Di's designs that were utilised by Josiah Wedgwood which collectors of Wedgwood plaques and medallions have been wanting so long. I rank the book on my folio shelves (it is almost a folio) with satisfaction and pride; I shall consult it often, for here reproduced are Lady Di's water colour sketches, many of them, and the portraits she painted in oils; and I know that a few Beauclerk water-colours are still lying about, and appreciate in the picture market every year; indeed, this very article will help to make them go up.

The three volumes on "British Mezzotinters" tell me all about Valentine Green (a copy of whose "Duchess of Sutherland" sold for a thousand guineas the other day). James McArdle, the "portrait man" par excellence, Thomas Watson, James Watson, and Elizabeth Judkins, "the first woman who excelled in an art so seldom practised by her sex." Here are their biographies, a catalogue raisonne of their works, with all particulars as to size of plates, different "states" letterings, published prices, sale prices, and so forth, most scholarly and artistically done. And there are eighteen photogravure reproductions of their respective master pieces, to help one to recognise their styles.

Whatever Mr. Austin Dobson writes about the eighteenth century is worth reading and having, and his books will appreciate in price, sans doute. Here is his pleasant monograph on "Thomas Bewick and his pupils," a book of delight and use for collectors of old English woodcuts, with more than ninety pictures from or after the original blocks.

And then there is the tall volume on "Women Painters of the World," bygone and modern, a treasure for a woman who may wish to collect the works of women artists as her "line"—a very uncommon and individual "line" it would be, by the by.

And now, lest much more than the usual shower of interrogation should descend upon the editor, I must explain that these books were selected from the latest catalogue issued by Mr. Glaisher, of High Holburn, who is the "Remainder" bookseller, beyond compare. But I had better add that when in a second-hand bookseller's catalogue you see the words "as new" at the end of an item, you may know that they also indicate a "remainder" book. "Dry as the remainder biscuit after a voyage" said the melancholy Jacques, but books like these are anything but dry.—From an English paper.

PRIMITIVE MASTERS.

An exhibition of early paintings is being shown at the Sackville Gallery, W. Worthy of particular notice are an Ecce Homo by Jan de Mabuse; an early fifteenth century example of the French school, "St. Margaret and St. Catherine" the patron saints of Jeanne d'Arc.—From an English paper.

MINERALOGY



EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles, etc to this Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive Mont., will be answered as far as possible in this dept.—Forest Gaines]

The mica trade is contro led practicaly by three or four large concerns in New York, Chicago and Boston These houses have an agent who buys for cash whatever mica is brought by the miners. They control the market and fix the prices to be paid to the miner as well as the prices for which it is sold in the markets.

Mica, it need hardly be said is a very valuable, almost precious mineral, as those who are obliged to buy a small strip for their stove doors will testify. A package worth hundreds of dollars can be carried in a basket slung over the arm or in a pair of saddlebags on horseback. When prepared for the market the solid block as taken from the mines is split into sheets. These are cut into squares or rectangles of almost every possible size, from 2 by 2 inches up to 8 by 10 inches. and sometimes even larger. There are no less than 183 regular sizes kept in stock by dealers

The digging of mica is the poetry of mining. It is impossible to conceive of a more exciting and fascinating employment. The vein of mica bearing quartz. lying between rocks of different formation has been found. The cap rock has been blasted away. Little "niggerheads"—small lumps of crumbling mica mixed with slate and other rocks—are growing plentiful. The rock is carefully examined by the experienced miner.and all indications are that mica will soon be found. A blast is made The rocks and debris are cleared away, and there in the bottom is a block of the precious stuff, a ragged corner showing itself black and glittering in the white quartz in which it is imbedded. With the tips of the fingers the miner gently and affectionately brushes away the dirt and small stones which partly cover it. Its thickness is carefully noted,its position in the rock is learnedly discussed, and many a speculation indulged in as to its size and quality. The hole is quickly drilled, the small blast is made, just loosening the rock, and all eagerly crowd around as one of the men with his pick pulls away the broken stone. There it lies, a black, glittering mass, nine or ten inches across its face, three or four inches thick and irregular in shape, as all blocks of mica are. A good sized block, if solid and of a perfect cleavage, will be worth several dollars The excitement is not allayed, however, and will not be until the block is split open and we know how it looks on the inside. It is a very bad thing to split open a block at the mine and contrary to all rules

for there is danger that the fine polished faces will be scratched.

Rockall is perhaps the smallest island in the world, situated in the Atlantic over 300 miles west of Scotland,and is a mere rock about sixty feet high and 225 feet round, rising from a reef of sand The rock is basalt and granite, very magnetic. It is haunted by seabirds and the mackerel of the surounding seas are very fine Of course, it was never inhabited,and is very seldom visited, owing to the difficulty of landing on it.

Let us have reports from any sections, regarding any new finds. With the world wide circulation of the WEST there is no reason why much valuable information should not be forthcoming for this department. The editor is always interested and will promptly answer correspondence.

The Post Card Craze

On entering a Post Card depot one wonders at the great varieties of post cards on view and the endless designs and colouring which goes to prove there are some great Artists in the post card work.

Every month we find something new, either in design or subject.

Look back a few years when the plain black and white card made its appearance and think how in such a short space of time, how the get "up" and finish generally has improved.

The question is often asked "Will this card craze ever die out?" I think not at least the views of the country and perhaps the humorous cards.

How nice it is to pick out a post card and write a few lines to one you have perhaps just received a card from. how happy are the recipients, even although there are only half a dozen words thereon

I believe the sale of post cards is considerably increased by the seller who adopts the plan of showing the cards either by means of lines albums or stands. In this connection I find Messrs. A A. Pratt's idea a splendid one. On entering the establishment the first thing to catch one's eye is the line of post cards running the full length of the shop above the counter Here all the designs are hung in card holders and can be picked out without disarranging the line. Then again one finds albums of all the various kinds, and last but not least there is the post card stand so cleverly designed.

BARGAINS IN OLD BOOKS.

For an average price of little more than $10 a volume, a unique collection of French Royal Almanacs dating from 1694, was sold for $1,975 at London last month

The 186 volumes which formed the collection were nearly all bound in ful morocco by some of the most famous binders in history, and moreover many bore upon them the armorial bearings of their one-time owners The volume for 1694, for instance, at one time belonged to Louis XIV.: that for 1764 has on the sides the arms of the Pompadour: and that for 1769 those of Louis XV , but despite this fact no higher bid than the above named was forthcoming.

Why not send a paragraph or notes today?

A Trip to Collectorville--By A. H. Taylor

I had just set down in my easy chair that evening to read my late afternoon mail and had almost finished when I picked up an envelope postmarked Collectorville The writing on the envelope I at once recognized as that of my friend and fellow philatelist, Oliver G. Fine, or as he was addressed in short, O G Fine

I fairly dropped from my chair when I read his letter for he said he had the Stamp Fever of the worst kind and the doctors said he couldn't live but a few months. and wanted me to come out and see him before he left this world.

Well, I was fairly dazed when I read that letter my old and dearly beloved friend was sick, and not expected to live. As Oliver and I had always been such friends ever since our boyhood days when he lived next door to me back in Beginnerstown, a small village on the Stampic Railroad, and as I remember it was the first station and how we used to have such fine times, down on Early Issue Street, where the Brattleboro River crossed and where our fine new rowboat, "The Columbian Republic," would lay moored in the shade under the bridge ready to take us anywhere provided we stuck to it.

I again looked at the letter and could hardly believe my eyes that Oliver was sick, so gathering my coat and hat I made for the station and reached it just in time to catch the express train for Collectorville which left at 19 minutes past 1 o'clock in the morning, and it was the Pan American Two Cent.

We rushed along at a lively pace over prairies and through woodland and everything went well until we were pulling into Stamp Factory Station when suddenly the train began to topple and roll and turn in every which way, and then proceeded to roll down an embankment and landed with the wheels in the air and roof on the ground or as one might say it was exacty inverted: but fortunately no one was hurt, beyond a few bruises and cuts,so getting another train we soon arrived at Auctionville where more than half the passengers left, as there was a sale going on that day.

Soon I was off for my destination which was soon reached and as the train pulled up to the Collectorville Station: I soon saw that the place had improved wonderfully. Many new faces were there,and among them I met going down the street were Mr. Milbury and Maritus walking side by side. They directed me to Oliver's house, which was on New Haven Ave I soon found it and imagine my surprise when I rang the door bell than to greet O. G. himself.

Words cannot express our joy when we found each other hale and hearty.

Upon asking him how it was that he wrote such a startling letter, he said, "Why, I didn't write any such letter. I said that Old Forger was dead and that the doctors didn't expect him to live many months anyhow."

"Oh, yes, I see," I said as I pulled the letter from my pocket,and read it again as I had read it at home so hastily, that I didn't note that name.

"Well, I'm glad I came anyway and it won't do the world any hurt by losing Old Forger, anyhow," I said.

O. G. seemed to think it would be a good thing too.

He then handed me a package which upon opening he said was a present for me with his compliments. I thanked him very much for them and fonud in the pack many a fine New Haven, Annapolis and many others just,

as fine, there must have been over 5000 stamps of just this kind in the bundle

I certainly had a fine time as Mr Fine would take me out to visit former acquaintances, and many new ones were introduced to me too; then we would take strolls down Revenue Lane, under the shady trees in the balmy afternoons, visit the Falkland Isles sometimes, and take in the British Colonial museum once in a while. At nights we would stroll down Redfield Lane and out in the country in the silvery moonlight and in all I had a very fine time while visiting Mr. Fine The moments flew too fast and the time at last came when I had to take the train for home and while the train drew away tears stood in my eyes, but there was a bright prospect as Mr. Fine promised to pay me a return visit this summer. I arrived home safe and sound and almost fell over my album, in my haste to get my blank spaces filled I soon had this accomplished and had plenty left over, and was just thinking how I could surprise my friends by showing them my stamps when Clang! Clang! Clang! and the clock struck the midnight hour and I awoke to find that I had only been—dreaming

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PRESIDENT'S MANY TONGUES.

Washington, D. C.—President Roosevelt gave an exhibition of his versatility as a linguist this morning. Representative Watson, of Indiana, took to the White House some friends from the Wabash district and also several foreigners who are enroute to Baltimore to attend the Methodist conference there. In the party were churchmen from France, Italy, Switzerland, Holland and Germany.

The President charmed his visitors by talking to each one in the caller's native tongue. First he surprised the Hollanders by a cordial greeting in Dutch Some gutteral German was handed out next and then a sparkling French dialogue ensued between the President and a Parisian.

The President wound up the display of his talent by exchanging adieus in Italian and the visitors passed out filled with admiration for the President's various accomplishments.

A Prehistoric Cave. Dr. Rene Jeannel, who has been making extensive researches among the prehistoric caves of France, has just discovered one of more than ordinary interest to students of anthropology. The cave, which is of considerable size, is situated between Foiz and La Mas d'Azil, in the Department of Ariege. The walls of this primitive habitation are ornamented with drawings of horses, reindeer and other animals known to prehistoric man. Among a number of other objects and designs drawn in red and black is the outline of a human being. Although figures of men are sometimes found on pieces of bone and wood, it is rare to find them on the walls of caves, and hence this discovery may prove a valuable addition to our knowledge of prehistoric archaeology.

The importance of mint marks on old coins cannot be overestimated and collectors sending particulars of specimens to the WEST should be particular to trace carefully the little mint mark which often means so much in the value of an old coin.

A crowded ad, like a waitress lady's talk over a telephone, often means that time had to be killed somehow—and the old man wasn't looking.

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The publisher or the secretary will be glad to send sample copies of the Official Organ for inspection, upon request, and any other information will be cheerfully furnished by the secretary for the asking Address all correspondence to MR. JAMES A. CARR. JR., Secy.
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113 Harry Groves, Cavite, Philippine Islands
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115 Fay Leanord, 642 S. Olive St., Los Angeles, Calif.—Colored cards only. Waterfalls, moonlight, snow scenes, historical and views only.

116. Forest Gaines, Glendive, Montana.

117. M. McDermot, Riverside Ranch, Laramie, Wyo.

118. E. C. Hadlee, Fairmont, W. Va

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120 Miss Emma Thomson, Kingston, St Vincent, B. W I.—Will send first.

121. Miss Irene Smith, Nianganfoix, St. Andrews, Grenada, B. W. I. —Colored view cards only, and colored cards of actors and actresses Also wishes a correspondent who is willing to correspond by letter in every country.

122. W E. Batley, Pascoag, R I.

51. Elmer O Arendo, 1981 Fillmore St ,Chicago, Ill , would be pleased to receive pictures of churches in all cities. Will answer all.

COMPLAINTS.

82 Please take notice that No 69 sent you cards June 20, 1908 and July 8, 1908 You are requested to answer same as soon as possible.

Nos. 9. 66 and 70, you will please take notice that No. 90 sent you cards and would appreciate an answer from you.

CORRECTION.

104. George A Bcuman, C A. C. Fort Flagler, should be George A. Banman, 26 Co. C. A. C., Fort Flagler, Wash.

CONTEST NO. 3

First prize: Ten beautiful view cards to the member securing a new member in Mexico, Canada, Cuba or Panama. Second prize: Fifteen historical cards for a new member in South America, Central America and the West Indies. Third prize: Twenty views of U. S. light houses for a new member in Europe, Asia, India, Africa, Philippines or any other countries not mentioned. Fourth prize: Five colored views for two members in the United States This contest is open to all, and within the reach of all. Any wideawake member can at least obtain one of the prizes. Get busy. Now is the time. Don't wait until the other fellow gets ahead of you. Contest is open until Jan. 1, 1909.

NOTICE.

On account of the officers having been called away to attend to some private business matters, club affairs have been neglected. We ask those of our members who have written us recently to be patient as possible until we can find time to answer their numerous questions, etc Fall and winter will soon be here again and we wish to complete our lists of State, Foreign, Canadian and Mexican Representatives during the approaching season. Those of our members who wish to represent the Pan-American in their state or country where we have no representative already should write us at once And all those joining who are not members at present will have the privilege of representing the Pan-American in their state or country if they wish it We intend to make this club one of the leading card societies in America and we need your assistance. We earnestly request all card collectors who are contemplating a busy season with the hobby of collecting post cards to join the Pan-American and give it a trial.

James A. Carr, Jr., Sec'y-Treas.

The 55th meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, Aug. 7th, President Virgil M. Brand presiding. The following members responded to roll call: Dr. Merril, Messrs Holmes, Baker, Ripstra, Puttkamer, Lewis, Green, McDonald, V. M. Brand, Excell, Doherty and Leon.

The Committee on Resolutions on the death of Dr. Geo. F. Heath reported as follows:

Whereas, It has pleased inscrutable Providence to take from his family the beloved husband and father and from us our esteemed member and helper, Dr. Geo Francis Heath,

Whereas, Our departed member was ever the disinterested friend and well-wisher of collectors and their organizations; he was one of the founders of the American Numismatic Association and its chief and constant supporter, and his death is an irreparable loss to the numismatic fraternity the world over and most deeply deplored by all the members of the Chicago Numismatic Society. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we tender the bereaved family of our deceased member our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction, and that as a slight testimonial of the high esteem in which we have always held him, these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of our society and a copy thereof forwarded to his family.

T. E. Leon
Committee J. B. Holmes
M. P Carey

The Committee on Resolutions on the death of Mr. De Witt S. Smith reported as follows:

Whereas, The Eternal Ruler of Destinies has called to his perpetual home our esteemed member, De Witt S. Smith, and

Whereas, By the death of our departed member we have lost an associate whose activity in the field of numismatics was prominent and noteworthy and a friend whose lovable qualities and sterling worth endeared him to all with whom he came in contact; Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Chicago Numismatic Society tenders the stricken family of our deceased member our most sincere sympathy; and be it further.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our society and a copy thereof forwarded to the family.

H. F. Williams
Committee F. E Simpson
W G Jerrems, Jr.

Both Resolutions were adopted by unanimous vote. Mr. Leo F. Wormser was elected to membership. Under exhibitions Mr. Ripstra showed some medallic work; Mr. Leon freaks and Territorial gold; and Mr. Brand a 90 ducat (about $200) gold piece of Sigismund of Poland and a silver center cent. The following magazines were received since last report: Stamp Journal for June: Philatelic West, Spink's Numismatic Circular, The Numismatist, Numismatischer Verkehr and Numismaticshe Correspondenz for July; and Mehl's Numismatic Monthly for August Mail auction catalogs were received from B. Max Mehl and St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co., and catalogs with fixed prices from Majer (2) and Steigerwalt. Three priced catalogs were received from the editors of the Bulletin.

Adjourned to meet Sept 4, 1908. Ben G. Green, Sec'y.

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Address all communications to the Secretary. Application blanks and particulars furnished free upon request by any of the officers or representatives.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

1. Members are required to answer all cards promptly.
2. Members must place their full name and address and UNION number on all cards sent for or in exchange.
3. Always enclose return postage when sending cards or letters to the Translation Department.
4. Always enclose return postage when writing for information of any kind.
5. Members should promptly renew when their membership expires, or else notify the society that you wish your name withdrawn.
5. The society gives as a premium, five beautiful unused cards for each new member secured,

and also cedits you with one point on the Roll of Honor.

7. We close our report on the 15th of each month and all notices and new memberships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.

8. Members are requested to notify the publisher if you do not receive The WEST regularly, and not the Secretary of The UNION. The publisher has been paid for your subscription and is under obligations to send you the paper.

9. Members are forbidden (unless requested by their corrgspondents) to mail view cards, for or in exchange, from states other than the one in which they reside, and members receiving such cards which are mailed in violation of this rule are under no obligations to reply.

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11. We do not furnish membership lists at regular intervals, nor do we promise to furnish any one with a new list every month, but we will gladly mail lists when published to all sending postage [The last list was published May 1st, so if you wish a copy, please send postage to the Secretary.]

12. We do not have any rules or regulations other than the foregoing, and by carefully complying therewith, we are sure you will be satisfied with your membership in The UNION,

August 17, 1908.

NOTICE.

After our report is completed each month, it is carefullly gone over and all mistakes are corrected before it is transmitted to the printer for publication. We realize that owing to the diversity and oddness of the names and addressed and other items which we publish, it is almost impossible to have everything set up correct to the letter. THE UNION desires therefore to ask the pardon and endurance of those whose names or addresses, are, or will be, sometimes incorrectly printed. It is our desire to have our reports correct in every detail, but we cannot assume the responsibility for typographical errors.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Our Five Leaders.

		Points to Date.
916.	L. W. Dison	21
903.	Arnaldo Ghisla	13
868.	Mrs. John Hoffman	10
314.	Miss M. Hays	8
546.	Pierson Hardwick	7

The following members have secured one or more new points during the month just ended:

		Previous Points	New Points	Total Points
1000.	E. M. Brownson		2	2
1442.	G. C. Mendez		1	1
1480.	Gutierrez David	2	2	4
1492.	Rosa May Theobold	1	1	2
1525.	A. N. Bliss		1	1
1543.	Tan Pow Tek		1	1

To All Members:—There are still a few states remainng in which THE UNION has not a representative. We are very anxious to complete our list of representatives at an early date and again urge the members residing in the states which are not represented to communicate with us on this subject.

We are also desirous of having more representatives in foreign fields; ultimately we hope to be represented in every county and colony in the world. The inducements offered to representatives are very liberal., Kindly address the Manager, if interested.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

69. Edna May Carroll, desires only Foreign exchange.

868. Mrs. John Hoffman will be pleased to exchange cards with members in the Phillipines, Hawaiian Islands, and the Canal Zone,and will send in exchange cards of New York, Washington, and Baltimore, Md.

1350. C. M. Rystad desires Foreign only.

1492. Miss Rosa M. Theobald, will send views of Chattanooga, Tenn., if any one prefers them to Chicago views.

1423 Ed H. Banks, Phiilip, S Dakota would like a card from every member (in comics). He has been away and if any have sent cards and will let him know he will return two.

RENEWALS.

500. Andre Perlet, 50 Rue Molitor, Paris, XVI., France.
1064. Ricardo Espinosa, San Fernando, Pampanga, Phillipine Islands.
1127. Grace A. Mulvaney, Loveland, Colo.
1143. Gilliam, Forney, Box 51, Ardmore, I. T.
1146. Jaques Camel,3 Veidos Street,Moharrem Bay,Alexandria,Egypt.
1151. Hans Roth, 174 Rothenberger Str., Nuremberg, Germany.
1153. Angel B. Bueda, Colegilo del Sagrado, Corazon, Peubla, Mexico.
1159 Paul Rosenthal, c o De Vries & Bontigny, Cairo, Egypt.
1169. Bella Seffel, 706 Avenue, E. San Antonio, Texas.
1180. Miss Sophie A. Lewis. Kingston, Mass.
1194. Y. Mizukami, 47 Sotodemachi, Honjo-ku, Tokio, Japan.
1201. Miss Sylvia Santa Rosa, Avenue Nazareth No. 11, Para, Brazil. Will send first.
1222. Alfred Scherri, Beni Souef, Upper Egypt.
1223. Marvin S. Wolverton, Ardmore, Okla.
1247. Lewis B. Tietze, Oakland, Mo.

NEW MEMBERS.

1531 Ira Dow, Poole, Nebr.
1532 Oscar White, Poole, Nebr.
1534. Herbert Hazard, Saguache, Colo
1535. Mrs A. Putnam, 2446 Folsom St , Los Angeles, Calif.
1536 Concepcion Abella, Nueva Caceres, Ambos Camarines Islas Filipinas Nota: Queremos correspondencia en castellano y tambien corresponsales.
1537. Emetiero Abella, Nueva Caceres, Ambos Camarines, Islas Filipinas. Nota: Deseo tener corresponsales y correspondencia en castellano.
1538. Reighnald Wayland, 270 Lincoln Ave., Marion, Ohio
1539 Zaki Yousef Ghibrial, Bani Suef, Upper Egypt.
1540. Ernest Hazard, Saguache, Colo.
1541. Rogelio Sierra, P. O. Box 83, Ybor City, Florida.
1542. Lim Kian Wee, c-o Messrs. Ban Joo Foh & Co., Seremban, Federated Malay States.
1543. Tan Pow Tek, St. Paul's Institution, Seremban, Federated Malay States.
1544. G. Johnson, 110 Armenian, St., Madras, India. View cards only; stamped on view side.
1545. W. D. Mattalon, c-o Behrend & Co., Alexandria, Egypt.
1546. Miss Vera de Veaux, General Delivery, Pittsburg, Pa.
1547. Teoh Hong Tye, Malacca Dispensary, Malacca, Straits Settlements

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

447. J. A. Blair, Edmonton, Alberta, Can., to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can.

1350. C. M. Rystad, Clifton, Texas, to 145 Race St., Dallas, Texas.

1276. A. Mattos, 49 1-2 Argyle St., Halifax, N. S , Canada, to Attleboro, Mass.

1509. Frank Herman, 247 to 274 E. 13th St., N. Y.

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

The following memberships will expire during the month of September. We will really appreciate a prompt renewal. The renewal fee is but 50 cents in case of members in the United States, and 75 cents in other countries. 1004, 1247, 1248, 1249, 1250, 1251, 1252, 1253, 1255, 1256, 1257, 1258,1260, 1262, 1263, 1264, 1265. 1266, 1267, 1268, 1271, 1272.

NOTICE.

There will be no list published during August the next list will be published in November.

The Junior Stamp Club of Denver, Colorado



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The Minutes of the 38th meeting of the J. S. C of Denver.

The 38th regular meeting of the J. S. C. of Denver was held July 30tq at the residence of C. M. Snyder 2825 Wyandot St., with 9 members present. The meeting was called to order with Pres. Nell presiding. The minutes of the 38th meeting was approved as read. The application of A. Savage 2237 West 33 Ave was received. There being no trustees present his application was turned over to the next meeting.

V N. Garretson tendered his resignation from the club as well as the secretaryship. His resignation as a member was not accepted, and his resignaton as secretary was declared out of order as he had already resigned till September.

C. M. Snyder who was elected to fill the office at the last meeting resigned because he was secretary of so many other clubs and his time was all taken up. J. S. Kramer was then unanimmously elected secretary to hold the office till Sept.

H E. Munger was appointed a committee of one to hunt up places for meetings and to notify the secretary. The club decided to have the meetings at different members' houses who are expected to furnish some slight refreshments. H. E. Munger was allowed $2 50 for the printing of application blanks and circuit slips.

The entertainment committee will hold an auction at the next meeting for the benefit of the committee. The meeting adjourned to meet again August 7th. Yours fraternally,

J. S. Kramer, Sec'y pro tem, 2222 West 32d Ave , Denver, Colo.



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You meet another friend. Brady, who comes home from the golf links tired and hungry He vows he has only one hobby, golf, and firmly believes it. But go with him to the links, and let him open out of his own accord. You discover, much to your amazement, that your friend Brady is a very storehouse of learning on old books and MSS., bookbinding, ancient printing and engraving, old missal editions of the monks, and a host of curious yet interesting facts relating to all these things. You wonder how Brady, who is engaged all day in calculations relating to cement, has got to know such a host of things about books. Verily Brady's life has been lightened by care by his one hobby. How much it is to him few know. Does his head ache, he goes and looks over his collection and the ache ceases. Does a nagging wife irritate? He shows her a fine example of line engraving by Bartolozzi and so restores her to her better self. Happy Brady!

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..Camera News.

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To Photograph One's Self

The problem of photographing one's self in a group has received many solutions. A simple plan of doing so was described recently by Mr. S. C. Puddy at the North Middlesex Photographic Society, England.

The plan which was there demonstrated was one for making exposures automatically, which said Mr. Puddy, will enable a photographer who may be taking a group to include himself in it, or to take his own portrait without any help, or to include himself in the landscape he is photographing. The photographer starts the arrangement, and after a given number of seconds, during which he walks to the place he wishes to occupy in the photograph, the shutter opens and remains open for the time required for exposure, and then closes automatically.

The way in which this is done is very simple, and the only things necessary are a needle and cotton and a strip of touch paper.

In working with a roller blind shutter, the catch has a little piece of wood put under it, so that the blind will run up and down freely without catching. Two pieces of cotton, say, about a foot long each, are tied to the end of the blind cord. One of these pieces is threaded by means of a needle through a strip of touch paper close to the end. The other piece is also threaded through the paper a short distance from the first. The distance away depends upon the exposure desired and the speed with which the touch-paper burns.

The touch paper used, which is described further on, burns an inch in five seconds. Therefore, supposing one second exposure is desired, the distance of the two pieces of cotton must be one-fifth of an inch. Beyond this second cotton a length of touch-paper should be left which will give sufficient time, whilst it is burning towards the cotton, for the photographer to walk to the place in which he wishes to be photographed.

The next thing is to take the piece of cotton which is threaded close to the end of the touch-paper, and attach it to one of the tripod legs, first pulling the bind cord, so that the shutter is open. Having done this, the cord is further pulled until the shutter is closed, and the other piece of cotton attached to the same place on the tripod. The first piece will then be slack, and the second piece taut, with the touch-paper threaded across both.

To take the photograph the end of the touch-paper farthest from the cotton is lighted, and whilst it is smouldering along the photographer walks to his place. The touch-paper will by then have burnt to the taut piece of cotton, which it burns, and thus releases the shutter, but the other piece of cotton stops the blind when it is full open. The touch-paper will go on burning until it reaches this cotton, which it will also break, and thus allow

the shutter to close.

If the exposure desired is an instantaneous one, only one piece of cotton need be attached to the blind cord, and, after threading the cotton through a strip of touch-paper, the cord is pulled until the shutter is fully set, and the cotton attached to the tripod. It is best to attach the cotton to one of the rear legs of the tripod to avoid the smoke from the touch-paper rising in front of the lens.

The touch-paper used burns more rapidly than the ordinary kind made with a solution of saltpetre, which was found to take forty seconds to burn an inch, so that the two pieces of cotton would have to be put too close together to work properly if anything less than five seconds' exposure were desired. The more rapid paper is made by taking strontium nitrate half-ounce, and potassium chlorate 80 grains, and dissolving it in water to make one ounce. (If all does not quite dissolve, the residue can be allowed to settle.) Thin blotting paper is soaked in this solution for a few minutes, taken out, the surface water mopped off with a duster, and then laid out to dry. It is afterwards cut into strips about a quarter of an inch wide.

Doubtless the arrangement described could easily be adapted to other forms of shutter. In some cases in which a trigger is pressed down a rubber ring would be needed to do this, the trigger being held up by the cotton until burnt by the touch-paper, when the rubber ring would be free to exert the necessary pressure.

In lighting the touch-paper it is best to do this from another small piece of paper previously lighted, as the flame from the match will sometimes accidentally blow against the cotton and cause a premature exposure.

Insufficient washing before toning is responsible for its share of spoiled prints, and insufficient washing is more often due to slackness than to scarcity of water. If the instructions say "wash in three or four changes of water," it is certainly not sufficient to put the prints into a dish, and to let them lie in a mass together while the water is poured off and fresh put on. Two dishes should be used, and the prints picked up singly, drained and then placed in the other dish. In the same way toning will never be even if they are not kept moving. In fact, the best plan is to divide the toning bath into as many portions as there are prints, and to tone each print in a separate lot of solution. This is almost, if not quite, as quick as toning them altogether, and it is certainly more uniform in the tones that result. Our last cause of defective toning is cheap and inferior gold chloride. In the case of so costly a salt as gold chloride it is the poorest economy to purchase a cheap brand of unknown make, and therefore quite without a guarantee of quality.

Camera and Bicycle. M. Monchelet, writing in the Photo Gazette, expressed a sense of admiration for bicycling, but this admiration is somewhat tempted by the reflection that cycling so often degenerates into a mere striving after speed, or into a morbid desire to run so many miles an hour, objects of interest and features of rural beauty being neglected. As a remedy for this blind striving after speed, M Monchelet suggests the taking of a camera the possession of which will reform the erring cyclist, and give him an interest in the landmarks of history and the beauties of nature.

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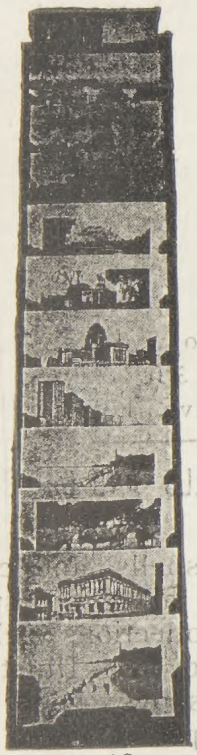
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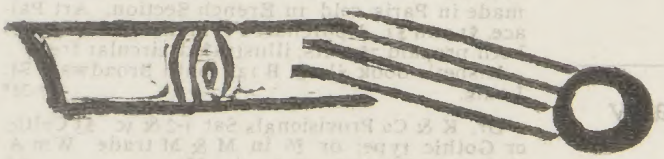
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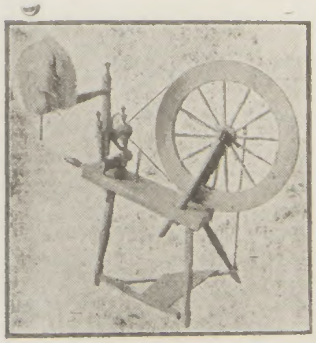
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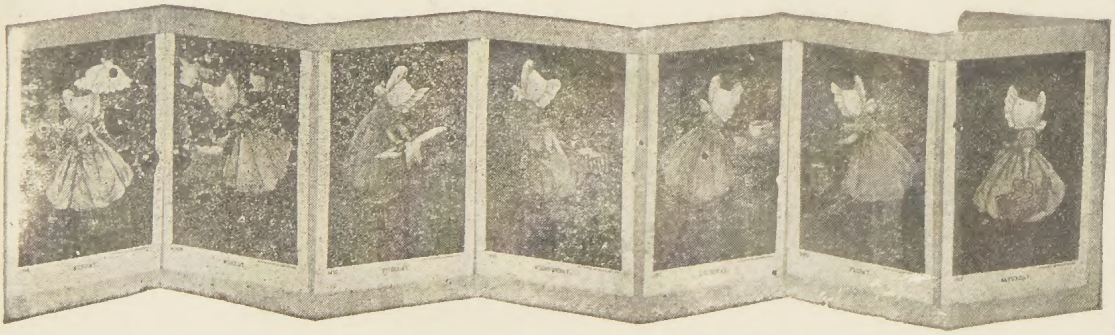
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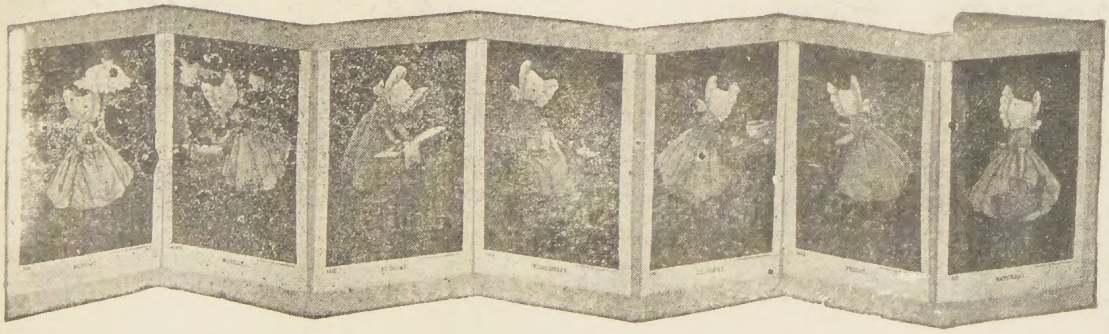
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By the time this magazine reaches its readers, the publisher, Mr. L. T. Brodstone, will have returned from his extended trip to England, France, and Holland. We have received word from him that he landed in New York September 18th,on the Mauretania, the largest passenger vessel afloat. It was delayed 30 hours by encountering a bad storm and the breaking of a propeller. Mr. Brodstone has had a good vacation, and readers may rest assured he will put renewed vim and energy into this publication from now on and make it a much better magazine than it has been during his absence. We have done the best we could with the limited knowledge we had of philately and curics. Business is showing signs of improvement,and the magazine will no doubt go back to its original size of 148 pages soon.

That the WEST meets the approval of stamp collectors and hobbyists generally, is demonstrated by the manner in which new subscriptions have come in the past three months. While the publisher was away no advertising or pushing was done for new subscriptions,yet fully 2500 new names have been booked, and more coming all the time. Collectors recognize in the WEST the best magazine of its kind,and that it devotes more space to their interests than any other. "No matter what your hobby, the WEST keeps you posted."

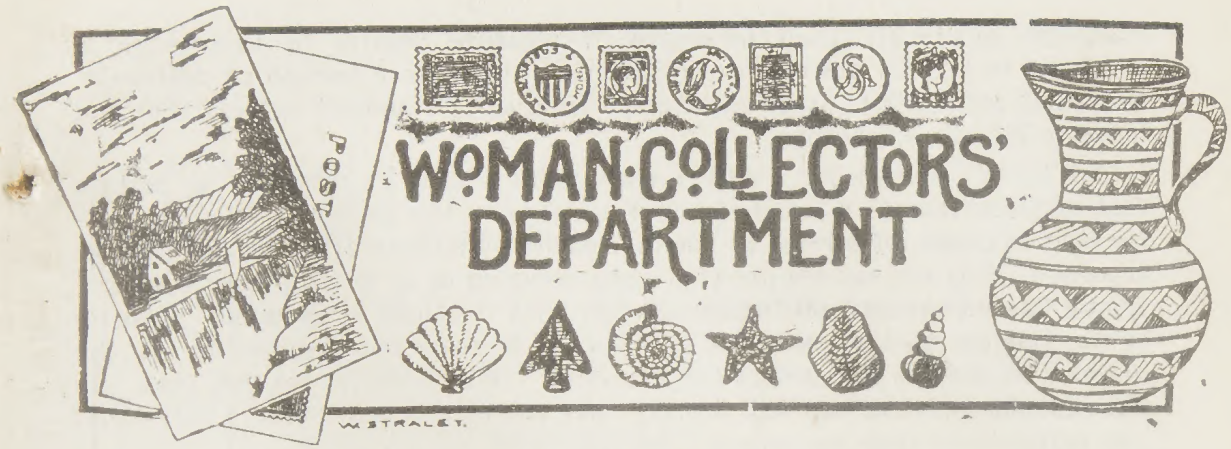
Attention is directed to the page advertisement in this issue of C. W. Seymour. Proof was sent but did not return in time for the corrections desired by Mr Seymour. In setting the ad the compositor followed the copy as written, and when dollar valuations were reached, instead of dividing the figures into dollars and cents they were allowed to stand as cents. i.e., $1.00 was printed 100 cents, etc., on through the list up to and including the $200 00 value. As Mr. Seymour did not write his copy as dollars and cents, we believe the compositor was justified in leaving the figures as they appear. With this explanation we believe our readers will understand the ad.

STICK TO IT

Oh! prim little postage stamp,"holding your own"
In a manner so winning and gentle,
That you're "stuck on" your task—(is that slang?) you will own,
And yet you're not two-cent-imental.
I have noted with pride that through thick and through thin
You cling to a thing till you do it,
And, whatever your aim, you are certain to win,
Because you seem bound to stick to it.
Sometimes when I feel just like shirking a task
Or"chucking"the work I'm pursuing
I recall your stick-to it-ive-ness and I ask,
"Would a postage stamp do as I'm doing?"

Then I turn to whatever my hands are about
And with fortified purpose renew it,
And the end soon encompass,for which I set out,
If only, like you, I stick to it.
The sages declare that true genius,so-called,
Is simply the will to "keep at it."
A "won't-give-up" purpose is never forestalled,
No matter what foes may combat it.
And most of mankind's vaunted progress is made,
Oh stamp! if the world only knew it,
By noting the wisdom which you have displayed
In sticking adhesively to it.

—Nixon Waterman in the Prudential Monthly.



From an Associate Editor's Easy Chair

By Verna Weston Hanway

A remark or two in Mr. Buxton's opening speech at the Junior Society's famous exhibition in London some months ago, struck me as peculiarly pertinent. It has long been a boast among we philatelic folk that our collections are educational:—that they induce us to acquire all manner of useful knowledge, from the distinguishing of varieties of paper to printing and lithographng processes; from the fauna and flora to the money systems, the history, biography and national characteristics of various peoples. We have claimed a knowledge of postal systems, of geography and something of many tongues. We have claimed an artistic sensibility, a connoisseur's taste and judgement—and what not. I wonder how much of this would prove true when balanced in the scales Naturally, some of us acquire a few facts, a smattering here and there, but nothing very definite—nothing that can prove of much practical use. Were our boasts so true, applicable universally to all philatelists, we would all deserve to be decorated with medals and badges of honor by our respective governments

It may be that the numismatist acquires useful, at any rate educational facts from his collections, embracing as it does pieces from far back into the shadow of history. Certainly, he must learn some facts of history, most certainly of financial systems. On the other hand the philatelists' field embraces but a comparatively few years in the span of time, his knowledge relates to but a brief period And,—whisper it low, brothers and sisters,—he could in cold blood dig out of books, at the rate of a quarter of an hour a day for a few weeks, more really useful, more coherent knowledge than in several years collecting.

The small boy does not peer through the fence at a masterly base ball game because he appreciates the fine physical training,—the wonderful human machine: the strategy, swift brain-work, self control and skilled play which makes possible the magnificent "team work." He watches it because he enjoys it, because it is sport, fun, if you please, madam or sir. Isaac Walton did not a-fishing go because he had in mind a scientific treatise on the fish's place in the scheme of nature. The naturalist, perhaps most of all of us, learns the most from his collections. Yet I do not believe the collector-naturalist collects because he is learning something. To tell the nor-

mal small boy or girl that the source of pleasure results in knowledge is sufficient to kill all desire for occupations which before seemed so desirable, and what are we but larger children! In charity's name I entreat that you leave to me my playthings!

Why not be honest? Why not say frankly that by reason of a certain cast of temperament our natures find pleasure in the collecting of those little bits of paper, of service in the intricacies of modern life, called postage stamps? Why not say simply that they occasion us as much pleasure as motoring or other sports does someone else; that it causes us as much pleasure as the theatre does the matinee girl; as the mystery and fascination of the desert and remote places does the traveler? Why seek for reasons that are but secondary?—why not say frankly that our reason is a purely individual and selfish one—that we collect "for fun"?

Of course something might easily be said for the other side. Some of us might never resort to books for reference on certain subjects without the stimulus of stamps. There are doubtless many individuals who have followed up the suggestions of the stamp album with plaesure and profit. But I see no reason to believe that this type of collector is a usual one; or that the researches of such an one would result in as much benefit as would one month of sytematic reading in modern history under the direction of a competent teacher or librarian. Certainly, the educational value is not a correlative or an accessory to the enjoyment of the stamp collecting aforesaid.

Perhaps, properly directed, stamps might be made a valuable correlation to a course of study. The postal systems are truly wonderful institutions, and the fact that penny postage has done more towards the brotherhood of man than scarcely anything we can mention of modern times,should be understood and appreciated by every school going boy or girl. I have yet to hear of the subject being treated interestingly by a teacher in even one single lecture during the whole school going period. or of a single composition being required on the subject. And yet the subject is a vital one, and interesting by sheer merit of the wonderful mechanism and system that makes possible its accuracy. The romance of what cheap and easy intercourse of thought has meant in the evolution of mankind in less than one hundred years has never yet been written. Some day it will, and it will be a soul stirring epic that we shall read upon that day.

It is very true indeed that stamps could be used to point the way to scores of useful topics; topics that would not only prove of educational value, but would add interest to collecting itself. Would it not be interesting to have some exponents of the educational phases plan such courses of study? Why not?—collectors have done more foolish things. If thought necessary let some topic be planned of a school-going character. But let there also be plenty of references to stamps themselves; the designs and those who designed them; instructions on how to get at the mass of official data relating to stamps; references for reading etc , etc. Much of this little article is written in but a half serious view, but after all, why not? I humbly present the proposition to your notice, ladies and gentlemen, members of societies learned in philately, and move that a committee be set to work at once; that the fruits of their labors be printed in pamphlet form, and distributed among collectors and the schools. Hail, Philately the Science!

Fiscal Department

I have attempted to fill the part of Fiscal Editor of the WEST and I will be pleased to receive notes at any time of new issues and of varieties not catalogued of old issues and all such sent me will be noted here with proper credit. F. A. Brown, East Peru, Iowa. Lock Box 7.

The Fiscal scribe is off for a vacation this month, so the notes will be short.

"Yvert & Telliers" Fiscal Catalog (in French) for 1909 is out. In one respect they did not come up to the 1905 edition as it leaves out all Canada Tobacco stamps and all U. S. Tax Paid Special Tax, etc., except the beer stamps.

A little pamphlet just came to the Ficsal man recently. It is "Richardson's Stamp Chat"—No. 1 of a series of pamphlets on the dark side of Philately. It contains the beginning of a reference list of the Private Prop Tobacco Stamps taken from Sterling's list of 1883 with additions—a list also of the American Consular Fee Stamps as follows:

They are type set on white paper, about the size of our postage stamps—printed vertical instead of horizontal—that is the long sides are top and bottom. At the top is "American Consular Service" below is Fee Stamps—value in center.

The values are 25c green, 50c carmine, $1 00 violet, $2.50 blue, $5.00 Jake, $10.00 yellow. They are perforate 12. Issued June 30, 1906

The pamphlet also has a chronicle listing everything except postal adhesive. I notice in the list as following: Brown Seate with red numbers. Series A, B, C, D. F.

Mr. Clarence Eagle now owns the following rare J. C Ayer Prop. Med. Stamps: 1c blue—old paper, 1c red. 4c lilac, 4c green.

I just recently received a Dog Tax License Stamp of the town of Gilford, N.H. from Mr. Longee. Lets hear from others of anything in this line.

TROUSSEAU FROM A STAMP.

A little touch of sentiment was injected into the ordinary prosaic stamp sale at the Freeman building, in Philadelphia, the other day, when an old Philadelphia "provisional stamp of the early fifti s was sold for $3,000, providing money for the future trousseau of a litttle twelve-year-old girl of Alexandria. Va The stamp was taken from one of the love letters written by her grandfather to her grandmother. The Fawcetts of Alexandria are one of the oldest families in Virginia and were well to do before the war. They have become so poor of late years that Mrs. Janette Fawcett, seventy-six years old, has been in despair of keeping her promise of providing the wedding outfit of her little granddaughter, Janette says the New York Times. In going through some things in an old trunk, she came across a bundle of letters. On one of the envelopes was the old "provisional" stamp. She realized that it was valuable, and it was taken to Philadelphia by a friend and placed in Mr Parrish's hands. He put it up at the recent sale, and to the surprise of everyone, a collector from Cleveland paid $3,000 for it. Very few of the "provisional" stamps were issued, and this particular stamp is different from any others that have come to light It was issued by the postmaster of Alexandria in 1847 and is printed in black ink on light blue paper. The stamp is circular in shape and the size of a half dollar In the center is the word "paid", with a "5" underneath. Around this are the words "Post Office, Alexandria," and around the whole is a circle of stars. —Atchison Globe.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



Questions relative to stamps will be answeres in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included beside the fee above provided for.

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433 Where can I obtain a copy of the Globe Trotter? Write to Mr. A. Schultz Jr., Cosmopolitan Correpondence Club, Pabst Bldg., Milwaukee, Wisconsin Back numbers are 50 cents each. The membership dues are $2.00 a year. Members receive the Gl. Tr. free.

434 Is it advisable to collect reprints? As reprints always differ some from the originals, and since the price of reprints is usually much less than that of the originals, it seems advisable to collect reprints in those cases only where originals cannot be obtained Strictly speaking the reprints do not belong into a stamp collection, but they may serve as space fillers until originals can be obtained, in which case they should be marked (perhaps by an "R") to designate them clearly as what they are. One might also form a Reprint Collecton, and in that case none but reprints should be included —In this connection it may be well to give a few definitions: A reprint is a stamp printed after it has become obsolete, but reprinted from the original plates; it is not available for postage. A reissue is a stamp printed after the cessation of its regular use, but still available for postage A Facsimile is a picture of a stamp, more or less like an original, printed from new plates A counterfeit is the same as a facsimile, but the term counterfeit, is usually employed, when it is intended or used for fraudulent purposes. There are government reissues, gov. reprints and gov. facsimiles and private reprints, private facsimiles and private counterfeits.

435 How should I form a Philatelic library with Philatelic papers, etc , in it? Supposing you have nothing at all yet of philatelic books or papers, you would do well first to get several of the current catalogs, Scott's, Gibbon's, Smith's, Senfs', Kohl's, Yvert & Telliers', Gelli & Tanis', and Redfield's Weeklies, Stamp Journal of Denver, Chicago Collectors' Monthly, Gibbon's Weekly, London Philatelist, Stamp Coll Fortnightly, etc —and try to get complete files of these papers from No. 1 up to date. Study as much as you can every catalogue and paper that you get, and whenever you find the ad of any book or paper, get a copy if you can. If you do this for a few years you will need pretty much room for your accumulations and a pretty full pocket book for paying for all you get. You will then also know how to proceed without much questioning. You might also save price lists, circulars and auction catalogues Much depends upon what kind of a library you wish to form and over what means you have command. If the plan outlined above seems too broad and expensive, get one or two catalogs and one or two papers (The West and Mekeel's for instance), and then one or two hand books such as Luff's U. S. Stamps, Westoby's Adhesive stamps of Europe and add gradually anything you like and can. Your own individuality must decide a good deal, and unless you study what you acquire, or your money bag is nearly inexhaustive, you will hardly make a success of it. Rather study what you have than try to get more without studying.

436. Can you give me a formula for making Blueprint paper, that needs

only some frequently used chemicals? This is not a philatelic query, and I cannot answer it. Perhaps Editor Chute or some of our photographic friends will give the desired information in the Camera News.

437. Are there any collectors of street car tickets and street car transfers among the readers of The West? Mr. Alfred Bruehler, 1917. W 52d Str. N. W., Cleveland, Ohio desires to hear from them.

438. What is the value of U. S. Envelopes, present issue, stamp impressed without color? Albinos, as we call these, and other freaks of which the present issue on account of rush-work is rather prolific, have no fixed value. They may be considered as worth about the same as the normal envelope. There is a possibility though, that they may become more valuable in the future like the adhesives with inverted centers.

439. Are Precanceled stamps still used? Yes. In Chicago for instance. But it seems they are much less used than formerly before the "cash permits" were introduced Both are, of course, collectible.

440. Where can Precanceled stamps from foreign countries be obtained? I know of no particular place, but I think that most any of the larger dealers should be able and willing to supply some of them.

441. Are the Charity or Hospital stamps collectible? Why, of course. They do, however not belong into a postage stamp collection unless they were authorized to prepay postage, which is the case with some of them, as the Russian soldier's orphan stamps. They make a pretty nice collection by themselves.

442. What is the best way to keep a Philatelic library? I presume that your library is not yet very large, and my answer therefore applies to a moderate sized library which is rather in the process of forming. Catalogs and other bound books are best kept on shelves as is the custom in libraries generally. Files of papers and pamplets may be kept lying flat in boxes or on shelves, as long as there are but few of them. When the numbers become larger, it is better to keep them also upright on shelves like books, but in this case they should be assorted and each volume, complete or incomplete, should be kept between two pieces of paste-board of about the same size as the pamphlets they hold together. The pasteboards may be marked on the outside with what is between them and the whole may be tied together with a string; thus the papers are protected and the string can not so easily cut the papers The larger the size, the thicker should the paste-board be. Still better: Take a piece of strong manila paper of the proper size and paste your paste boards on it leaving between them room as wide as the thickness of the volume: thus you get a port folio on the back of which you can print the name and figures of its contents. This will make the whole look much nicer and help a great deal, when you wish to find any particular volume. Keep an alphabetical record of all you have, with notes of prices, etc , for which purpose I can recommend R E Scott's "Library Record" (Lagrange, Ind.), or Dodd's "Index Rerum," or any book with alphabetical index. This will often save you much time and help you to find quickly anything you want, especially, if you arrange your files also alphabetically.

The Globe Trotter No. 26 is expected in a few days, and according to news leaked out it will be as fine and interesting as ever.

U. S. Permits--By K. Longee

Denver, Colo	No. 11	Type IV	1&2c	The Denver Mail Order Co
	28	IV	2c	F. Bartelds & Co., (Lawrence, Kan)
	29	IV	1cR	Daniels, Fisher, Stores Co.
	34	IV	3c	Nat. Jewish Hosp'l for Consumptives
	35	IV	1cBl	?
Danbury, Conn	1	IV	1c	Uric Acid Monthly
Hartford, Conn	16	IV	2c	Aetna Life Insurance Co
New Britain Ct	1	IV	1c	Landers, Frary & Clark
Glastonbury Conn.	2	I	1c	W. C Philips & Co.
Chicago, Ill	1	IV	1c	?
	30	IV	3c	Loftis Bro & Co
	31	IV	1c	Hultquist Bro
	42	IV	1c	Hope Pub C?
	46	IV	1&3c	Mandel Bro.
	93	IV	1c	Bennets Newspaper & Mag. Ag'cy
	165	I	1c	Hall & McCreary
	178	IV	1c	A. C. Becken
	183	I	1c	The Pubrs of "Ungava Bob"
	232	IV	1c	W. A. Wilde
	251	IV	2c	James B. Clow & Sons
	277	IV	1c	Wm. Wrigley & Co.
			Same handstamped	
	283	IV	1c	?
	301	IV	1c	C. D. Peacock
	354	IV	1cR	?
	374	IV	2c	Curt Teich & Co.
	376	IV	1cBl	Hascall-Wise Co (Cleveland O)
	393	IV	1cP	South Side Lumber Co (Handst'p'd)
	454	IV	3cP	Standard Mercantile Agency "
Moline Ill	1	IV	1c	John Deere
Elkhart Ind	1	IV	1c	?
	3	IV	1c	The Grand Dispensary
Vincennes Ind.	1	III	1cBl	Cushman Drug Co.
Indianapolis Ind.	19	IV	1c	Central Magazine Agency
	32	IV	1c	Allison Coupon Co.
Lafayette Ind.	1	IV	1c	The Telephone World
Council Bluffs Iowa	7	IV	1c	?
Clarinda Iowa	1	IV	1c	A. A. Berry Seed Co.
Kansas C'y Kan. Stock Yard Staton.	3	IV	1c	Charles Dixon Sons Co.
	4	IV	1c	Rice Brothers
Wichita Kansas	6	I	1cGr	The Winnie Mortage Co.
	6	I	1c	" "
Louisville Ky.	25	?	1c	Wright Taylor Co.
Baltimore Md.	36	III	1c	Md Casualty Insurance Co.
	45	?	?	Sharppe & Dohne
Boston Mass.	12	IV	5cBr	Joseph Breck & Son
	47	V	1c	A. L. Tribble Co.
	70	IV	1c	Woonsocket Rubber Co.
	79	IV	1cR	?

Boston Mass	No. 82	Type III	1c	?
	93	?	?	Boston Varnish Co.
	111	IV	3c	?
	153	IV	1c	Carter Ink Co.
	154	IV	1c	Houghton, Mifflin & Co
	177	IV	2&3c	The Pilgrim Press
	177	IV	2c	The Pilgrim Press
Chicopee Falls Mass	1	IV	1c	?
	3	III	1cGr	?
East Whitman Mass	1	?	2c	Regal Shoe Co
Mitteneague Mass	1	I	1cR	Mitteneague Paper Co
Lansing Mich	1	IV	1c	McKinley Music Co. (Chicago. Ill)
Minneapolis Minn	14	IV	1c	Northup, King Co
	88	IV	2c	?
St. Paul, Minn	31	IV	1cR	?
St. Louis, M	44			Styx Baer Fuller
	22	IV	2c	Mo., Kan. Tex. R. R. Co.
	94	IV	2c	King Mfg Co
	110	IV	1c	August Ghast Bank Note Co.
South St. Joseph Mo	1	IV	1cR	Live Stock Com Co
Louisiana Mo	1	IV	1c	Stark Brothers
Kansas City Mo	9	IV	1&4c	Emery Bird Thayer Co
	16	IV	2&2c	George B. Peck Dry Goods
	20	I	1c	Kemper Paxton Merchantile Co.
	21	I	1c	Webb-Freydchlag Merchantile Co
	107	IV	1cOr	Besse Avery Co.
	111	III	1c	G W. Kenny Grain Co.
Orange, N. J	1	III	1c	?
Mesilla Park. N. M	1	IV	1c	F. E. Lester Co
Buffalo, N. Y	7	III	3cP	Larkin Co
	7	III	5c	"
	40	IV	1c	Buffalo Glove & Whip Mfg. Co.
New York City N. Y.	5	IV	1cCR	Who's Who Pub. Co.
	15	IV	1c	?
	45	I	2c	Chas. Scribners Sons
	121	IV	1c	Current Literature Pub Co
	121	III	1c	" " "
	149	IV	1c	?
	177	IV	1cP	P. O. Bx. 1915
	201	IV	1c	Frederick A. Stokes Pubr.
	203	IV	1c	New York Life Insurance Co.
	224	IV	2cBl	Cox Mining Journal
	224	IV	1cR	" " "
	225	IV	1c	American Review of Reviews
	231	III	1c	Mutual Life Insurance Co.
	243	IV	1c	Royal Baking Powder Co.
	252	IV	1c	Browning King
	261	IV	1c	J. Scott
	281	IV	1cGr	?
	333	IV	1c	The American Press
	346	IV	1cBl	Franklib Square Sub. Agcy.
	354	IV	2c	C. Wilderman Co.

LeRoy New York	No. 3	Type IV	1c	The Grumaux New & Sub Co.
	3	IV	1cR	" " "
Hoosick Falls, N. Y.	4	IV	1c	W. A. Wood Machine Co.
Rochester, N. Y.	5	I	1cCH	Moores Monthly Messenger Co.
Dansville, N. Y.	5	IV	1c	Dansville Nursery
North Port, N. Y	1	IV	3c	Edward Thompson Co , Long Island
Saratoga, N. Y.	3	IV	1c	?
Deposit, N. Y.	3	IV	1c	The Outing Pub. Co.
Brockport	1	IV	1c	W. H. Moore Sub. Agcy.
Mansfield, Ohio	11	I	1c	Ohio Suspender Co.
Sidney, O.	1	IV	1c	Wagner Park Conservatories
Springfield, O.	14	IV	1c	Womens Home Companion
	14	IV	1cR	Womens Home Companion
Cleveland O.	9	I	1c	Patterson Sargent Co.
	32	I	1c	Oster Mfg. Co.
Dayton, O.	1	IV	1c	Lorenz Pub. Co.
Columbus, O.	2			M. C. Lilley
Philadelphia, Pa.	5	IV	1c	The Sat. Evening Post
	6	IV	1c	W. A. Burpee
	16	I	1c	The Keystone Type Foundry
	123	IV	1c	?
Warren, Pa	1	IV	1c	The Peso Almanac
Corry, Pa	9	IV	1c	W. J. & A. D. Howard Co.
Harrisburg, Pa	13	III	3cR	Schlegel & Fottler Co.
Providence, R. I	5	I	1c	Baird North Co.
Huntington, W. Va.	1	IV	1cR	Thonas The Magazine Man.
Racine, Wis.	1	IV	1c	J. I. Chase Threshing Machine Co.
	1	I	1c	J. I. Chase Threshing Machine Co.
Cumberland, Wis	1	IV	1c	?
Durand. Wis	1	III	1c	Black Hide and Fur Co.

Type I Paid in money without frame Type II paid in money with frame
" III City and State without frame " IV City and State with frame
" V Fourth class matter without frame.
All in blank unless otherwise stated.

City and state	Number	Type	Values issued	Holder
Boston. Mass	2	I	1c 2c red	Perry Mason Co.
	2	IV	1c 2c blue	" "
	5	V	2c	Viscol Co.
	11	II	2c	Walker Stearns Co.
	37	I	1c	Jordan Marsh & Co
Brockport N. Y	1	I	1c	W. H. Moore Sub. Agcy
Brooklyn	19	III	1c	S. H. Burns & Co
Buffalo	7	I	1c	Larkin Co
	7	III	1. 2, 3, (?) 5c	" "
	83	IV	1c	The HO Co (Post card)
Chicago Ill.	138	I	1	Folley & Co
	235	I	1c	"
Cory, Pa.	8	IV	4c (red)	Barlow Harrow Co
Denver Colo.	20	III	?	Y. M. C. A.

Evansville Ind	3	IV	1c	Geo. L. Mesker & Co
Valparaiso, Ind	1	I	1c (red)	Dodges Inst of Teleg.
	1	III	1c (env wrapper)	" "
Fulton N. Y	1	II	3c	Van Wagenens (seedman)
Lancaster, Pa	2	II	1c (green paper)	Cham'n Blower Forge Co
Lyndorville, Vt	1	IV	1c	Dany Ass. Co
Lyndon Vt	1	I	1c	Om Hurbards Mfg. Co
Marblehead Mass	1	I	3c	J. J. H. Gregory
Minneapolis, Minn	2	?	1c (used stamps)	Wyman, Partridge
	5	?	?	John Leslie Paper Co
Miltineague Mass	1	I	1c (red & green)	Miltineague Paper Co
New York N. Y.	77	III	1c	Fullon Merideth & Co
	90	IV	1c	A. L. Winser & Co
	99	IV	8c	Siegel Cooper & Co
	261	?	1c (red)	J. Scott & Co
	279	IV	1c (red)	The Hearthstone
North Cohoeton N.Y	1	IV	1c	D D Cottrells Agcy
Passaic N. J	3	IV	1c	Ladies Home Magazine Co
Philadelphia Pa.	6	IV	5c	W. A. Burpee
	46	II	5c (red)	H. H Maule
Poughkeepsie N Y	1	I	1c	Eastman Journal
Reading Mass	1	I	1c	C. S. Pratt
Rome, N. Y	2	IV	1c	Rome Mfg. Co
Rose Hill N. Y.	1	IV	2c (red) 1c	F. B. Mills Co
Salem Mass	3	I	1c	Baird North & Co

The dead letter office at Washington found $2,018,076 36 worth of negotiable papers and money orders and $67,715 69 of currency in 13 005,255 dead letters and parcels last year. A "dead letter" is one whose address is illegible or whose addressee cannot be found and whose writer is not named, neither on the envelope nor in the letter. All letters that cannot be delivered are returned to the sender, if that be possible, and those letters only which can neither be delivered nor returned are strictly speaking "dead letters." On the other hand thousands of letters are sent to the dead letter office and treated as dead letters until they are there opened and the name and address of the sender is found. Letters bearing the name and address of the sender legibly on the outside of their cover are not sent to the dead letter office but returned directly if found not deliverable; hence it is the department's desire that all letters should bear the name and address of the sender to relieve the dead letter office from having to handle them. The place for the sender's name is the upper left corner. A return request is not necessary. All names should be written as plainly as possible; it would save much time and trouble, avoid many mistakes and would help to reduce the annual deficit.

As the Postmaster's Advocate quotes from the Montreal Star, Canada wants to establish rural free delivery, but it seems doubtful whether it will be accomplished, the cost of conducting this branch of postal service being too great.

Beginner's Department--Brazil

By L. G. Dorpat

(Continued from last issue.)

To make things worse the Newspaper stamps were in 1899 surcharged in various types for postage, some in green, others in violet and still others in black, blue or red. Next following we find the bicolored issue reissued with still new varieties of perforation (5½ to 11½) and the greater part of the issue of 1890-93 surcharged with the year 1899 and altered values. The new century was begun with a reissue of the 50, 100 and 200 reis, design of the bicolored stamps, in one color each and more regularly perforated 11½. This looks like improvement. But to bring things to a climax a private firm was entrusted with the production of 4 values of jubilee stamps. These were lithographed in sheets of 50 in 1900 to celebrate the quadricentennial of the discovery of Brazil. Mr. Thiele calls these stamps "outrageously homely" and I agree with him. Let us hope for improvement in the future. One thing is to be appreciated. Among all the stamps issued since 1890 there is not one which catalogues over $5.00, most of them being under 50 cents and only a few over $1.00. This means a fine field for the specialist.

In No. 908 of MeKeel's Weekly there is an interesting article on the later issues of Brazil by Percy C. Bishop. Unfortunately the gentleman stops short after describing the "Southern Cross" issue (1890) and turns to fake issues, one of which is a series produced for the imaginary state of Connani. In 1906 we find two values (100 and 200 R.) issued in commemoration of the Pan-American Congress and a beautiful new issue of portrait stamps. This new regular issue comprises 12 values, 10 to 5000 reis. The names of the celebrities portrayed are given on the stamps. The 1000, 2000 and 5000 reis bear the head of liberty. Stanley Gibbon's Catalog states that these stamps were lithographed (at least it may be understood that this is said of all stamps of 1906), but this is an error; the portrait series is steel-engraved as the excellent execution clearly testifies It is the work of the American Bank Note Co., I think.

Official stamp of Brazil. The year 1906, which seems to mark a new era in the history of stamps for this country, brings a series of 13 values of official stamps. They are all of the same design with the portrait of Alfonso Penna and printed in two colors, green and orange. They run from 10 to 10,000 reis.

The Newspaper Stamps of Brazil. These were first issued in 1889 and were, I think, lithographed. The values range from 10 to 1000 reis The first set of 9 had one color (yellow) for all values, but very soon a different color was given to each value. They are rouletted. Where they were made and in what size of sheets I have not been able to learn. In 1890 a new design came forward for the 10, 20 and 100 reis and in 1891 another design appeared for the 10, 20 and 50 reis; these are perforated; they show the same reckless workmanship as the regular postage stamps of the same year.

Postage Due Stamps of Brazil. These were also issued first in 1889, lithographed and rouletted First the whole series was carmine, but soon every value got its particular color. The colors come off very easily and can not withstand the action of water, hence genuinely used specimens are mostly damaged or spoiled by soaking. In 1895 a new design was introduced, in

which until now the following values are found: 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 300 and 2000 reis; they are perforated 11 to 14. In 1906 a new issue was added of 11 varieties 10, to 2000 reis.

According to a note in the "Illustrirte Briefmarken Zeitung" in 1897 remainders from all issues from 1881 to 1894 could be bought from the general post office, unused or cancelled to order. In the list given Newspaper stamps, letter-cards, postcards and due stamps are included. The "I Br. Z" remarks that the finances of Brazil must be in a poor condition! My idea of the matter is that, if there was not a pretty strong demand from collectors and dealers, there would be hardly any government to even think of such a traffic.

Stamped Envelopes, Cards etc. of Brazil. Seuf's Catalogue enumerates 12 Stamped Envelopes of which there are quite a number of varieties and sizes. Bright's Catalogue lists 21 They were all issued between 1867 and 1899, and from the looks of them I would judge that they were made in North America. Of Wrappers Seuf has 9, Bright 10; they are of the same quality as the envelopes. Post cards Seuf has 24, Bright 30, but, if all varieties be counted there are more. In Letter cards Brazil is especially rich having according to Seuf 29, and according to Bright 39. As a rule these "entires" are quite pretty and none of them are very expensive. Mr. Vieira describes them at length.

Telegraph Stamps of Brazil. Mr. Vieira in the article quoted above describes these as stamps issued by a private proprietor and illustrates them. Nine varieties are listed as issued between 1869 and 1873. What has been done since, I have no means of knowing. They may certainly be collected, but in a collection of government stamps they have no place. Yvert & Tellier list two values for 1899.

War Stamps of the Brazil-Paraguay War 1865-1870. Mr. Vieira says: "Down to this time very little attention has been paid to the stamps used for franking letters by Brazilian soldiers who took part in the campaign against Paraguay. There are even several collectors who deny the existence of these stamps; this is a manifest error. These stamps consist in simple seals, in real stamps and even in envelopes." He then goes on to describe them, but what he calls real stamps are nothing but franking labels without any value expressed; neither have the envelopes any expressed value.

Revenue Stamps of Brazil. These according to Yvert & Tellier may be divided into two classes; stamps of the empire or republic and stamps of the several states and cities. Of the former there are 514, of the latter 389, but I have reason to think that Yvert & Tellier's list is not quite complete. As far as my information goes, revenue stamps have never been used for postage in Brazil. Some of them are quite pretty and others, if not pretty, are certainly curious. Whoever has the opportunity may do well to collect them.

Counterfeits of Brazilian Stamps The issues of 1843 to 1866 have all been counterfeited, but so poorly that a comparison with originals will make the detections easy even for the novice. The reason that these early stamps were selected for counterfeiting is, no doubt, the scarcity and high price of these issues It is however so very difficult to successfully imitate engine work, that the attempts have failed. More serious are the fraudulent perforation and the fraudulent roulette on the issues of 1866. These may be known only by deviation from the regular guage.

(To be continued).



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The ninety first regular meeting of the Society was held in the usual place and time on Tuesday. September 1st.

President Myers was in the chair and the following members were present:—Baer, Boiselier, Bollman, Humes, Lindenschmidt Sr and J., Millhouse. Myers, Schellhorn, Schoeman, Voelker and Wood.

Mr. Boiselier had with him quite a number of freak envelopes of the present issue, amongst them albinos, half albinos, offsets, folded inside-out, etc.

Mr. Humes had on exhibition his collection of United States.

The contest of "25 ugliest stamps" was again postponed until September 29th, as only two entries had so far been put in This is rather surprising as such a simple inexpensive and yet interesting contest deserves better treatment; even our British Colonial enthusiasts could get up a set if they would.

In order to furnish some diversion, the president sprang on us a set of ten portions of stamps to be guessed at. Mr. Schellhorn took the prize by giving six countries correctly, Mr. Schoeman struck two right, and the rest of us—,nuf sed!

In order to stimulate sales in the new circuit now being made up the President offers one dollar extra in stamps to the member purchasing the largest amount from the books he is entering We hope every member will take advantage of this department, and put in books of duplicates.

I should like to remind the members of the $5 00 prize to be given by the President to the member having the best attendance record. Considering our membership we ought to have a better average attendance. Let us put forth a little extra effort to be on hand at every meeting. It was good to seettwo of the old stand bys, Messrs Lindenschmidt Sr., and Jr. present with us after quite a lengthy absence.

New application: Geo. E. Anthonisz, Commission Agent Havelock Town, Colombo, Ceylon, proposed by Geo. Wood.

The Chairman of the Recruiting Committee trusts that with the coming of the fall months and colder weather, some strenuous individual work will be put in by every member towards bringing in new applications. We must get in some new blood. A united effort will accomplish wonders.

Has any member got, or seen, the "Stamp King"? Its whereabouts is desired very much by the Librarian and those members who have not yet had an opportunity to read the interesting story.

Changes of address: T. S Mann from Fort Smith, Ark., to c-o Southern Beef and Prov Co., Little Rock, Ark. A. Bollman to 1529 So. 11th St., St. Louis, Mo. Geo. L. Schellhorn to 3538 Juniata St., St. Louis, Mo.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday September 15th, 8th Fl. Wright Bldg. Contest will be "One cent United States stamps" (face value, not catalogue) exclusive of Carrier, Envelope, Telegraphs, Local and Private

Proprietaries. This should bring out a splendid lot of entries.

Geo Wood, Secretary.

The ninety second regular meeting of the Society was held at the usual place and time on Tuesday, Sept. 15th. President Myers was in the chair. For various reasons, with some sickness, with others, possibly politics, we had one of the smallest attendances of the year. Only the following were present: Chase, Humes, Millhouse, Schoeman, Voekler, Wood.

For lack of sufficient entries, the U. S. One Cent contest was put off until a later date

A letter from S. B. Hopkins was read. The members present were sorry to hear that he is arranging to make his home permanently in the Lone Star State A postcard from W. Sisson who is spending his vacation at an eastern resort was also read.

The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Diamant and convey to him the members' sympathy in the severe siege of sickness he is undergoing

The usual informal auction closed the meeting

Geo. Wood, Secretary.

A Prince's Palace for Junior Philatelic Society Meetings

The Junior Philatelic Society has taken upon itself a new meeting place. Since Exeter Hall was closed the Society was not altogether satisfied with the new quarters selected; so a change has been made and one which should prove extremely popular with all members

The new meeting place is quite palatial—literally so, for it is the room believed to have been used by Henry Prince of Wales, the eldest son of King James I. The room is full of historic associations and enjoys the possesson of a unique enriched Jacobean ceiling, oak paneling, unique bay windows overhanging Fleet Street, and the facade has been restored to the original condition in which it appeared to the denizens of Fleet Street in 1612.

The address of the new meeting place is, 17 Fleet St , and its precise position may be noted by its being immediately opposite the Fleet St. end of Chancery Lane, and extending over the Inner Temple Gateway. Its ancient exterior is readily noticeable to the passer by.

The opening meeting of the new Season will be held here on Saturday Oct. 3rd, and subsequent meetings on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays in each month from October to May.

Visitors are always welcome at J. P. S. meetings and any collectors who are visiting London at the time of meeting should not fail to look in on this up to date city in its old world meeting place

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Philatelic Esperanto. Mr. Julian Park of Buffalo, the secretary of the Esperanto Speaking Collectors of the World, after issues thru small leaflets with the membership list, has now issued a pamphlet of 12 pages with Esperanto News and Notes, a well written little story and some other items of interest. He says: "In due time, when the membership warrants such a step, the paper will become a 24-page monthly worthy the name of magazine." We doubt not Mr. Parks ability and wish the E. S. C. W. a rapid growth that the plan may soon be realized.

FOREIGN REVENUE NOTES

By Oscar T. Hartmann

RUSSIAN EMPIRE.

Nearly all, at least a great many are printed in two colors. Workmanship in the printing unexcelled and poorly executed stamps the exception. Good many bear the Russian double eagle. The use of the Russian alphabet makes it of course difficult to distinguish the different uses for which they are used and a catalog comes handy.

The Russian revenues abound in justice, police, etc, which is to be expected under a despotic rule. Some of the earlier come imperforate, but not many perforation varieties need attention.

The revenues can be divided into those which are used throughout the empire and those which are used locally. Now let us begin with the empire. The theater tax of 1892 is one entire stamp, whereas the issue of 1898 can be had used only in half. The other piece is kept by the authority.

Playing cards stop with one stamp and cost more than a dollar.

In 1892 a set of distillery stamps, product made out of fruit or raisins, was issued All good stamps.

Documentary (Eff. de Commerce) are the ones you meet in many collections of postage especially the 5 kop. red or blue. One of the most common revenues of the world. Several issues 1875 79 82 88 and 1907. No high values were added, the 3 and 5 rubles come under the 1907 issue. Total number 24. The band of the eagle's head prints either up or down and marks two issues.

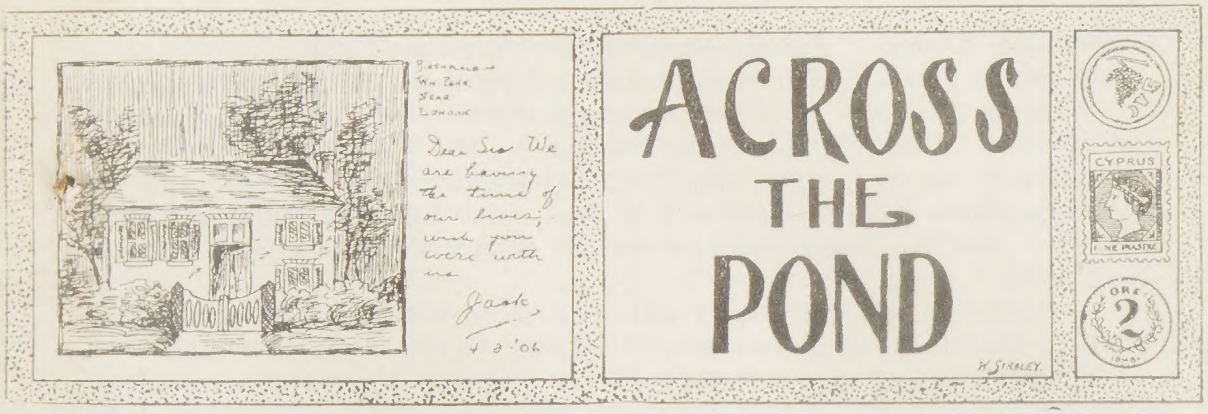
Then are the passports, also patents of tobacco, giving the right to sell same.

Imperial justice courts can be divided under the different head by several issues. Under the numerous local issues those of St. Petersburg and Moscow are the most numerous. St. Petersburg has under others the permits of residence respective by a record or tax of how many are in a house or family, giving the number of males or females respectively. Local, suburban police municipal taxes, also hospital are represented. Moscow had two issues of police stamps.

The saving bank stamps often met with are really only administrative control stamps.

I have not been very particular and given only a rough outline, still the Russian revenues merit to be collected. and hope you think the same.

No. 399 of Alfred Smith & Sons' Monthly Circular brings the conclusion of an article by B.T.K. Smith on the stamps of Prince Edward Island. With it comes the Statutes of the Philatelic Literature Society of which Mr. E. D. Bacon is the president and Mr. B. T. K. Smith the vice-president. The annual dues are $5.11 (rather high), but the Society is made up of men and not of boys. Smith's Circular publishes a want list of philatelic papers. No. 400 has as a supplement a prospectus of Mr. Smith's work "How to Collect Postage Stamps," containing a page of superb reproductions of U. S. proofs If the whole work is in keeping with this prospectus, then it is certainly worth a place in every philatelic library. The price is $1 70. The Circular is 25 cents a year.



By J. C. Auf der Hyde, S. H. D. Amsterdam

There is money in stamps!

Though no Rockefellers or Carnegies or another kind of that stuff, some stamp dealers made fortunes in dealing in our small bits of paper. It is reported that Mr. Maury of Paris and Mr. Moens of Brussels, both of whom died recently, each left three million francs or one half million dollars

Speaking of Mr Moens, I have to say that he was not only a stamp dealer but also a booklover of great ability. I have before me the catalogue of the auction composed of books which belonged to Mr. Moens. It is printed on 88 pages, large size and of 1210 lots, of which a great many are of particular interest and of great worth. Among others there are a great many "livies galant" of the 17th and 18th centuries.

I am sorry I could not get a resume "of the prices which were paid on this auction," which was held in Brussels from 9 to 12 July, by Mr. Jos. Fierez.

I do not think my readers know that the late Mr. Maury was a collector of dolls of different ages and different costumes. It is told that this collection is one of the finest in Europe and worth more than five figures

In Holland four societies of "stamp packs" have started one great union called "Nederlandsche Bond von Philatelistische Vereenigingen". (Mr. America man do not break your tongue in trying to pronounce this correctly!)

A Dutch philatelic day, the second, will be held in Amsterdam from the second to the fourth of September.

In the Dutch Indies a new surcharge has come in use. The authorities want to know where the most stamps are used. Those used on the island of Java, the most important island of the Dutch Indies, are overprinted "Java." Those used on other places "Buiten Bozittingen." They are used only for three months. To say whether these stamps will become rare and high in price, or not, is very difficult. That they are used only for three months would forecast high prices, but as a large quantity of most values is printed, I should rather mean, they will not become so rare.

Here is the list of the quantities overprinted with the word "Java": 4,780,000—½ cent lilac, 3,600,000—1 cent olive, 1,200,000—2 cent brown, 1,400,000—2½ cent green, 300,000—3 cent orange, 1,020,000—5 cent red, 3,900,000—10 cent slate, 390,000—12½ cent blue, 306,000—15 cent brown, 225,000—20 cent olive, 375,000—25 cent lilac, 273,000—30 cent red brown, 294,000—50 cent

brown lilac, 126,000—1 gulden, lilac, 24,000—2½ gulden, lilac.

I cannot give the quantities of those overprinted "Buiten Bezittingan."

Judging from the list given here above, the following values will become the rarest: 3, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 cents, 1 and 2½ Guilder.

Some of the new jubilee stamps of Austria have been overprinted for use in the Levant. An Italian postoffice was established in Constantinople, Turkey. New Italian stamps have already appeared surcharged for use in the Levant.

Some of the new Canadian jubilee stamps have already come to Europe. They are very finely engraved, and will please a great many collectors.

The publisher had the pleasure of going up the Rhine as far as Weisbaden and Metz with Mr. Auf der Heide and found him a fine gentleman to be with, as he speaks five or six different languages and was better than a guide as he knew the best places to stay and also where to see the finest points of interest. He is the largest stamp, postcard and book dealer of Holland and anyone in need of these will do well to see him and get his prices before buying anywhere in Holland He has many stores and so can sell cheaper, and you will find him one, if not the best dealer in Holland.

We hope to have monthly letters from him. Ladies who wish quaint Dutch Souvenir spoons etc., will do well to write for prices.

Notes by Dorpat

From the Stamp Collector's Fortnightly we glean that Tasmania as well as New South Wales has its official stamp collection. The U.S. Stamps in the Tasmania collection are proofs of all the general issues, departmentals, and journal stamps.

The same journal states "that it is now practically settled that all Colonial (British, of course) issues shall be mousecolored, the ½d.1d. and 2½d being on white paper in the Postal Union colors and the 3d. and higher values being printed in one color on papers of various tints."

As we expected, DeKay's Stamp Circular thrives: more space is wanted and the size is to be increased in the near future. The National Philatelic Assocation is likewise thrifty, the membership numbers having now reached and passed the mark of 500.

Mr. Victor M. Berthold published an instructive article in the Stamp Journal of Denver, treating the present issue of U. S. stamped envelopes. One article like this alone is worth the whole subscription price of 25c annually, but besides Mr. Berthold's article, which is illustrated, there are articles on the same topic by Messrs. C. E. Jenney and D. T. Eaton, while C. A. N. (the Editor?) treats albinos. If the Journal keeps on in the same way, it will soon be the foremost philatelic magazine in America. To judge from the advertising it carries, its prospects are good.

The best account given of the Republic of Counani and its postage stamps is found in Nankivell's Postage stamp for March 18,1908 According to. it Senior Larrion de Herrera claiming to be Minister of the State of Counani to Spain, Morocco and the Holy See was arrested at Madrid, Spain, in May 1905 and his papers were confiscated on the charge of conspiracy against Brazil. Senior Herrara claimed in his defense that the territory of Counani had been recognized as an Independent state since 1872 and that the diplomatic relations between Brazil and Counani were most cordial. It ap-

pears however that he failed to prove his assertions. An inquiry at the Foreign Office at London made by the Manchester Chamber of Commerce on March 17, 1906, was answered to the effect that "the political existence of this socalled "State" is indignantly denied by the Brazilian Government within whose territory the cities and provinces claimed by the "Republic" are situated and that it has not been acknowledged by this country, nor, as far as His Majesty's government are aware, by any other power." Nevertheless this purely fictitious "State" in 1908 comes forth with a new issue of postage stamps of 6 values (after the 21 varieties previously offered in 1892) and tries to sell them to stamp collectors without giving any proof of its political existence. This indicates that after the sale of former issues must have proved fairly profitable or else the manufacture and sale of new stamps would hardly be tried again I would like to know who buys them!

Fuller's 20th Century Philatelic Directory is out and with it 60 octavo pages and covers it is not so large a book as it might have been, had more collectors taken the trouble to send their addresses for insertion, nevertheless it contains a long and valuable list of devotees of our hobby. Up to page 22 we find names of collectors in the United States. Then comes Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia and Oceanica and three pages of Addenda too late for classification There are but four pages of advertisements, and these are worth reading. The book can be had for 25 cents from B L Fuller, Washington, D. C.

Chicago now boasts two stamp journals, the Chicago Collectors' Monthly and the Colonial Stamp News. Get a sample copy for a stamp, or better, try them for a year.

Mr. L. L Dolson issues "Philatelic Flashes" from Geneva, Ia., and wants collectors everywhere to get interested in his paper, which he intends to enlarge and to improve. In his next issue he might tell us a little more about the "Muhcody Envelope"

Der Philatelist of Dresden gives some very interesting notes on stamps of Bavaria In the first place the Bavarian Railroad stamps are to be collected by the officials and to be sold.used, to a stamp dealer, who has a contract to that effect with administration. Prices are agreed upon, and the 50 pf. stamp s to be sold at 60 pf to i mark a piece according to condition, a very remarkable advance over face value for used stamps In another note it is stated that due stamps (value 2, 3, 5 and 10 pf.) may be sold to collectors for face value and, if the buyer desires it, to be cancelled with the date stamp. So henceforth Bavarian due stamps may be bought from the post offices at face value either unused or cancelled to order.

Mr. Victor Marsh, of 389 Brixton Road, London, S.W , is selling out the remaining stock of Mr. J. B. Moens' philatelic publications at reduced prices. When these are sold it will be difficult to obtain any of these works, and the prices are apt to rise considerably, as was the case with others of Mr. Moens' publications after the publisher's stock was once sold out. His monogram on Naples which was published to subscribers at 75 cents in 1877 was sold in 1887 for $4 00. His work on Peru jumped from $1.00 to $5 00 Collectors who understand French, will therefor do well to avail themselves of the opportunity offered by Mr Marsh before it will be too late.

Mr. William A. Roberts, Licensed Trader, Luni Reservation, Luni, New Mexico, sends us the announcement that he is prepared to furnish Indian curiosities of various kinds from the Luni Indians.

Flower Gardens on Postage Stamps

Several weeks ago, after I had dug up my garden to find out why the nasturtiums and zinnias and the lettuce and lima beans had not sprung up, one of my friends undertook to taunt me on the inferiority of my garden to his As I knew his lot was very small and having never heard that floriculture or agriculture were numbered among his accomplishments I demanded an explanation. He thereupon invited me to turn my attention to his stamp collection and pointed out a most interesting and surprising array of postage stamps that bore pictures of flowers and vegetables from every corner of the globe.

The group of Chinese stamps of 1894 all show flowers. Among them is found the peony, emblem of illustriousness; hydrangea leaves, the flower of which is highly regarded by the Chinese, and the Chinese immortelle. On these stamps there is also represented the boletus, a woody fungus akin to the mushroom, and said to be emblematic of long life. Likewise there is presented in this group an illustration of a dwarf peach tree.

The stamps of Japan naturally illustrate a number of flowers, notably the chrysanthemum, the emblem of the emperor and of the empire. On the 30 sen stamp of 1872 the chrysanthemum as well as the paulownia, the flower emblem of the empress is shown.

When a special stamp was printed in 1894 in commemoration of the Mikado's wedding anniversary it was adorned with the chrysanthemum and with the cherry blossom and fruit, the cherry blossom being the national flower of the people, as distingiushed from the official flower of the imperial family. While we cultivate the cherry for its fruit, the Japanese hold it in higher regard for is ornamentative uses and their cultivation of it has been almost solely confined to a desire for its blossoms. When the crown prince was married in 1900 a special stamp was issued by the Japanese government with a border composed of sprays of wisteria, the official flower of the Princess Sadcke.

The devotion of the Japs to flowers is evidenced by their adoption for crests and coats-of-arms in preference to the lions, eagles and other subjects, conventionalized or otherwise, for which the people of other lands show a weakness.

Several of the centennial anniversary stamps of New South Wales are decorated with specimens of the flora of that land, one of them—that of 20 shillings denomination—showing the pretty flowers known as "Christmas Bells."

A New Zealand stamp of 1898 is bordered by branches of the tartaramon, a species of climbing bramble. This is as common in the forests of that country as poison ivy is here and the natives give it the name of "the bush lawyer."

This is really a valuable stamp.

No. 5 of the Chicago Collector's Monthly is here. It is the tidiest of all. Its leading article is one on the London Stamp Exhibition. Besides this there are two very readable articles on Stamp Collecting as a Hobby, one by a teacher and the other by a school-boy. The biggest fault of the Monthly is that there is not more of it.



THE POST CARD SPECIALIST

By R. O. Chelle

Are you a Postcard Specialist? What do I mean? Well, I mean simply this: Do you collect "anything and everything" in the shape of post cards, or do you only collect certain kinds? Now is my meaning clear? When a person is first taken with postcarditis they generally have a very hard attack, and anything with a picture on one side and a place for a stamp on the other goes in to fill blank spaces in the album. The idea seems to be to get a collection, and they generally succeed. After they have gotten about two or three hundred cards, some not worth the stamp on them, they either give up in disgust, or else decide to collect only certain kinds of cards. When a person looks over his or her collection and sees where they have received common black and white cards for the fine colored views which they sent out, it is enough to make them disgusted. It is about this time that they begin to see how silly it is to collect "any old thing" and try to think of a way by which they can make their collection worth the time and money they are willing to spend on it.

How often you read in the exchange notices "I collect views of monuments" etc. Right here let me ask, what is nicer than a collection of views of monuments? Monuments to the dead Presidents of our country, to the army and navy heroes, soldiers and sailors monuments and monuments to the statesmen who have carried this country through perilous times. Of course with a collection of monuments a collection of statues can be combined. Statues commemorating great events in our history, etc.

Then there is a collection of the portraits of our Presidents. This collection is easy to complete, yet how interesting and instructive it is.

Another person requests "only historical views." What a great collection this must be. Views of the great battlefields where our forefathers died for our liberty, views of the battlefields of the Civil War. Also views of the battlefields of the war which we can remember, the Spanish-American

War. But views of battlefields are but a part of this collection, as it contains views of everything pertaining to the history of our country. Views of buildings made famous by the exciting events which took place within their walls during our war times. Portraits of the men and women who played a prominent part in our history.

If you are a college or High School student what is finer than a collection of views of our leading colleges and our high schools? Or if you want to go a step further you could collect anything from the school house in the rural districts to the leading universities of the world. Surely a collection of our schools and colleges would be most interesting. As a side issue, there is nothing more beautiful than a collection of college seals. I have seen them with the seal done in the original colors on a plain white back ground.

Then there are the churches Not long ago I received a card from a correspondent in Australia with the request to send church views Many persons collect church views. Some desire only the views of churches of their own denomination, such as, Baptist, Episcopal, Methodist, Catholic, etc. It think it makes it more interesting to collect only views of your own denomination.

I would suggest to all members of the Y M.C A. to collect views of Y. M. C. A buildings. Just think of the thousands of branches there are throughout this country, and where there is a branch there must be a building or club room. Of course to this collection of Y. M C A views can be added those of the interior as well as the exterior of the buildings. Views of the gymnasium, reading rooms, etc., and if you are interested in athletics, views of the hockey teams, basket ball teams, base ball teams, etc. may be included.

Railroad views also make a very fine collection. Views of the great railroad terminals in the principal cities, such as the Grand Central Station in New York City. etc. Also views of stations along the lines of the railroads, especially along the line on which you live. Views of engines, trains and everything pertaining to the road.

How often you see the request for scenes of State Capitols. Such a collection can be completed with but little trouble, and will be a good one. The country has some elegant capitols and their collection is worth trying for.

Has it ever occurred to you to collect views of your own state? A friend of mine makes a specialty of collecting views of New York State, the state in which she lives, and some very fine cards she has too. Views of anything and everything go into this collection, that is, as long as the view depicts something within that particular state.

A fine collection can be made with views of our warships. This would be doubly interesting at this time as many of our ships are on their great cruise to the Pacific

Street scenes make a very interesting collection. Anything from a view of the stage coach going up Main St. in Mudtown to the crowded thoroughfare of the busy city goes in the collection of street scenes.

Views of Parks are another source of delight to the post card specialist. These range from the Yellowstone to the small parks in the towns and cities, and depict scenes taken in the former as well as views of the lakes and rivers in the latter.

Then there are water scenes. Views of the Great Lakes, of the falls

and rivers,and views of the harbors and bays along our shore. This includes views of yacht races, swimming races, views taken on Regatta Day, etc., anything pertaining to the water.

Many collectors show a preference for moonlight scenes,and these views certainly make a handsome collection.

There is also the hobby for collecting views of public buildings, such as Post Offices, Libraries, City Halls and other buildings.

A collection of fancy cards is very beautiful. Embossed cards, cards covered with tinsel, cards decorated with ribbons, feathers, etc., cards with birds done in many colors, also go to make up a very nice collection.

If you are of a humorous turn of mind a collection of comic cards should interest you greatly, as there is no end to the scope and variety of these cards. A collection of comics would be very amusing and would help drive away that indigo feeling that often possesses one. A collection of comic cards should be clean, and contain only the really funny. Vulgar cards which are never funny should have no place in it.

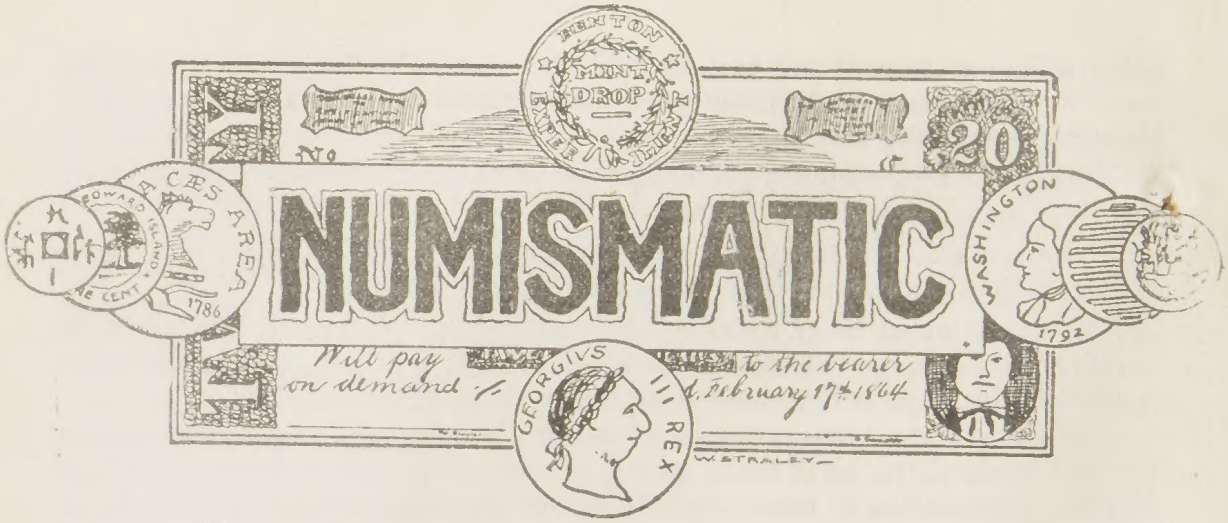
Of course I have mentioned but a few of the kinds of cards you can use for specializing. As there are hundreds of subjects depicted on postcards so are there hundreds of subjects to choose from if you want to specialize. You should collect only that which meets your own fancy. The next time you send a card just write on it "please send views of high schools" or whatever else suits you, and you will find that in a little while you will have a fine collection of your favorite cards. The next time you see the request for special cards, answer it and send one with the request that the person send you your favorite cards, and in this way you will get people to be on the lookout for what you want. Many of your foreign correspondents could send views of colleges, monuments, churches, etc., and these foreign views would add greatly to your collection.

I have been a specialist for some time,and find it more interesting than collecting "any old thing" Don't make your album a place for all the trash and truck in the postcard world, but make it something that will be worthy of keeping and looking at in the future without a pang of regret.

If my ideas suit you, take them up in practice, as it will cost you no more than it is costing you now, and I am sure you will consider yourself amply repaid in the end. Try it!

SALE OF COSTLY LACE.

The conclusion of the sale of the late Mrs. Eliza Roebuck's collection was largely attended by ladies in the London sale rooms. Seven feet of narrow Venetian rose point lace sold for $55; a wider length of old flat point $80; a rose point flounce 8 inches deep and 8 feet long, $85; and a Venetian collar, such as one sees in Vandyck's portraits, $65 A lively competition followed for lot 40, a very beautiful floral scroll flounce, 20 inches deep, of old Venetian flat point, which sold for $295. A curious contemporary needlework picture of King Charles I. with figures of Queen Henrietta and her children, brought $80, and an old casket covered with needlework of the same period, $50. A Spanish altar frontal embroidered in brilliant coloured silks sold for $145, and some beautiful furs fetched equally high prices.—Collectors' Journal.



The Grand Old King

By Chester Dunham

Ever since the 1904 dollar has adorned the pages of Numismatic literature and catalogues there have appeared iconoclasts.

In 1804 there were 19,570 silver dollars coined, which bear the same designs as those on the 1798 dollars, excepting the date

The numerous theories launched every year in regard to this coin are curious and quite startling.

One "authority" says they were melted and made into spoons and loving cups while another reports that medals were struck from them for our soldiers and sailors. The once prevailing idea that only a few trial pieces were coined, is discarded when the mint reports are consulted. So the only plausible and credited theory is, that the Huguenots in this country, upon seeing some of the new silver dollars, raised such a cry of disdain because the features of the goddess of liberty resembled those of Martha Washington.

Although a few restrikes were recoined in 1859 and were sold as restrikes by some under officials at the mint, the wrath of the superintendent was so great that every restrike was speedily regained by the government and all were destroyed save one which was placed in our National Collection in the mint at Philadelphia.

The restrikes were coined with an imperfect collar because the original collar was lost Further, there have never been any counterfeit dies made of the 1804 dollar, and the dies were destroyed in 1859.

The entire output of dollars for the year 1804 (excepting six which were smuggled to numismatists by the mint officials) was shipped off to Japan and China to be circulated mong the Orientals who greedily hoarded all of our bright coins. As fate would have it, the ship with its precious cargo never reached its destination, but foundered in the middle of the Pacific and sank to the bottom.

On the obverse of this "Peer of Treasures" is a draped Liberty bust, facing right, with flowing hair that is bound by a fillet. The bust is partially encircled by the word liberty, above, and by the date below, and by 13 stars which fill out the remaining space between the word liberty and the

date.

The bordels of the obverse and reverse are beaded and the edge has one hundred cents, one dollar, engraved upon it. The Y and the word liberty, almost touches a star.

On the reverse is a heraldic eagle with outspread wings, holdng a scroll upon which is inscribed E Pluribus Unum. Upon i s breast is borne a shield and in its left talon is an olive branch, while in the right talon are 12 arrows. Above the eagle are 13 stars which are partially enclosed by seven clouds. "United States of America" almost surrounds the design.

Sometimes the phrase "King of Fakes" attracts our attention. But the attention given to it is short lived, because the intelligent collector is already aware of the futile attempts to defame, slander and impeach this priceless "King of Rarites"

This dollar is the "best abused" and most popular "of all our coins.

Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Omaha and Albany are the lucky numismatic cities of this age, because all possess within their respective limits one of these dollars.

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6.	(Mr. Earle, Philadelphia, Mr. Brand, Chicago)?—	$3600

THE ORIGINATOR OF POST CARDS.

Dr. E. Hermann, of Vienna, is the man to whom we must assign the honour of inventing the post card. It was on January 26th, 1869, that Hermann first communicated his idea for an "open card for correspondence" to the Austrian postal Authorities. The Postmaster General, wonderful to relate, immediately adopted the idea. As a beginning, a million Austrian post cards were printed. On that, the first of the world's post cards, appeared the very cautious announcement "The Post Office undertakes no responsibility for the contents of the communications."

Formal transfer of the Dillon house and lot on Broad street, Woodbury, N. J., has been made to the Board of Education for a $45,000 high school. The Dillon house is one of the oldest in Woodbury, and people are already after relics. A knocker on the front door has been "pinched", although several persons were willing to pay a good price for it. The house is to be sold and moved away, together with considerable shrubbery and rare trees, but unless the sale is soon made there will be little left.



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As the time of the year is now approaching for the collectors to get busy in exchanging post cards, etc., if you want to join the best society DO IT NOW. Join the Collectors Union and get to exchanging post cards, etc. You will find all of our members are renewing which shows that they are interested in our future If you have not joined, be sure and send in right away. Will the Collectors Union members do their part in getting members? Don't forget to buy from our firms. Send in your firm name if you are a member. Small circulars mailed free by the secretary and treasurer.

Yours in union,

Wm. A. Blomberg, Sec. and Treas.

Mr. H. C. Wilder, our vice president of New York, 34 School St., Car-

thage. N. Y., is compelled to resign as active member, as he is to be out of town several years He can answer no more cards sent him as he is an associate member now. A word from Mr. Wilder: "I have manifested a deep interest in your society from its inception and wish to you and to your fellow officers unbounded prosperity." Why could we not all say this?

NEW MEMBERS.

457. Clarence S. Hunsinger, Flat Rock, Ohio, stamps, curios, fossils and coins.

458 W. W. Bliss, Duarte. California, stamps

459. Miss Edna May Carroll, San Marcos. Texas. post cards.

460 W E Eager, 89 Bulere Rd , Upper Elmudm Middsesex London, England, post cards.

Friends and Fellow Members:

With this issue of the WEST I wish to announce that I have not the time to properly attend to the office of treasurer of this great society, as I have a job of traveling and will be out of town most of the time. I therefore appoint Mr Wm A Blomberg, secretary, of Atchison, Kansas, to fill this position I hope this club will be at the head of all societies in time to come.

Yours in union,

Wm. A. Simpson.

Talking Postal Card

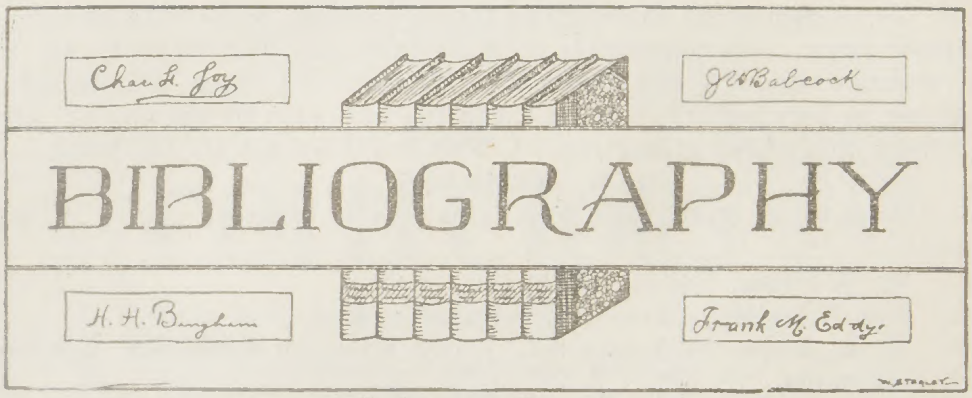
The talking postal card is the very latest. No more will every Tom, Dick and Harry be able to read your correspondence, no more will the country postmistress get next to your stunts while you are away on a hoilday. With this new postal card your family will get the view on the back while they will actually hear, in your own voice, what you think of the place you may be visiting.

The talking postal card has been in use in France for five years. Its manufacturers have become millionaires. They have the secret. And it lies not so much in the machine which prints the record of your speech on the card, but in the preparation which is placed on the face of the postal itself.

The only machine in the United States, and the only talking postal cards are in this city. A. Genslin of No. 224 Copp building, has them. He has secured the American rights from the Societe Ononyme des Phonocartes, and proposes to form a company to handle the patent on this continent.

He showed the machine in working yesterday, and postal cards which were mailed in Paris and talked in Los Angeles. He wrote across them again and again to show that placing the address on the record has no adverse effect, and also explained the method of registering and reproducing the messages.

Le Phonopostal machines, as the French call them, will be placed in all the picture postcard establishments in the United States. A person wishing to send a talking postcard to a friend will enter a private booth, speak into the machine, which will record the words on a specially prepared postalcard of the same character pictorially as those sold today by the million. A stamp will then be placed on the card which will be mailed in the usual way. The recipient will take the card to the nearest picture postcard place in his city, where it will be put on the machine and the message will be heard immediately. An instant reply can be sent from the same store. The records are indestructible.—Los Angeles (Cal.) Times.



Book Hunting

by J. H. Yoxall M.P. London

In one respect the days of book hunting are over, for the secondhand bookseller is perhaps the keenest and most versed of all dealers in the dealing trade Often he began workaday life as a bookseller's boy, was sent with a bookseller's sack to houses where his employer had bought parcels of books, learned to pack them neatly in the sack, and carry them off on his shoulder, as Huttoo the Birmingham bookseller did a century and a half ago. Then he was set to count the leaves and plates of copies of well known books, learning to "collate" them; came into contact with the ingenious old literary men who wrote secondhand booksellers' catalogues for them; and now can tell you offhand in a moment, without reference, that the first edition of Goldsmith's "Traveler" was octavo though several quarto editions appeared during the same year. The average secondhand bookseller is much more of an expert than is the average dealer in old china or old pictures, and seldom indeed, will you buy a book at less than its trade value of him. A secondhand bookseller's catalogue is often a marvel of eruditon and ingenuity; those careful publications—"Book Prices Current" and "Book Auction Records"—tabulate and register prices in a way unrivalled in any other class of the dealing trade; and seldom indeed can a man, who has bought hundreds of bargains in china, earthenware, and prints, pride himself on having snapped up a bargain in a book.

I do not say that the diligent searcher among the book barrows outside Farringdon Market may not occasionally come across a book bargain, and English books of pecuniary value are sometimes found cheaply in the book boxes on the Paris quais. And in all the above remarks I make no reference to the case of a book hunter who wants a book of the more ordinary type for his own use; these, no doubt, can still be very cheaply acquired.

But let us see what kind of books the second-hand booksellers themselves are on the lookout for; you find lists of "books wanted to purchase" in their catalogues sometimes, and in their advertisements in the "Bibliophile". In such lists I find asked for:

Ackermann's "Repository of Arts." Any books published by Ackermann. Any book illustrated by Henry Alken. Any English books printed before 1660. Early Editions of Jane Austen's novels. Baxter's "Cabinet of Paintings." Books illlustrated by Aubrey Beardsley. Any book containing the binders' tickets. Any books in fine bindings, modern or old. Books,

pamphlets, maps, and views on any part of North and South America and Canada published before 1830 Books printed or written on vellum. Books with painted edges. Books with Presentation inscriptions by the author or persons of note. Any books with coloured plates Any books on Court life in England or France. Original editions of English classical novelists. French illustrated books printed between 1700 and 1800. Books of designs for furniture. "The Germ." Illuminated books Poems of Keats (1817). Keats' "Endymion" (1818). Keats' "Lamia" (1820). Books and pamphlets relating to Napoleon I. and his time. Indexes to "Notes and Queries." Pater's "Marius the Epicurean" (2 vols.) Scott's "Tales of my Landlord," first edition. Any of Scott's original editions, in boards. Shelley's "Queen Mab" (1813). Shelley's "Revolt of Islam" (1817). Sporting books published before 1865. Sets of books in fine bindings. First editions of books by Dumas pere. Meredith's "Harry Richmond" (2 vols.). Any book printed before A.D. 1500. Books published by the Wesleys before 1791. Pickering printed books. "Aldine Poets" (Pickering edition). Boydell's "River Thames." Browning's "Bells and Pomegranates" (1841) Browning's "Paracelsus (1835). FitzGerald's "Omar Khayyam" (1859). Goldsmith's "Vicar of Wakefield" (2 vols., Salisbury, 1766). Jorrock's "Jaunts" (second edition, 1843). Swinburne's "Atalanta in Calydon" (white cloth, 1865). Swinburne's "Poems" (Moxon, 1866). Swinburne's "Queen Mother") Pickering, 1866) Tennyson's "The Widow" and the "Victim" (privately printed, 1867, at Canford Manor) Westmacott's "The English Spy" (1825). Borrow's "Wild Wales" (3 vols., 1862). Blackmore's "Lorna Doone" (3 vols., 1869) Meredith's "Poems" (1851)

Many in the above list are books which the booksellers will buy at any time; some are books for which the booksellers have a special customer. Most of the items listed above are precise and unalterable; in place of the 1813 edition of Shelley's "Queen Mab," which is wanted, it would be useless to offer the 1822 edition of "Queen Mab," though the latter has "the suppressed notes and the rare dedication leaf," and is "8vo. original board, uncut," and can be bought for thirty-five shillings. Note that "uncut" in the second-hand bookselling trade does not mean the leaves uncut for reading, but that the original size of the leaves has not been cut down when rebinding.

Across the Atlantic there is a steady demand for books published in or on New England before the War of Independence. The rarest and most valuable of this class was printed by Day, at Cambridge (Mass.), in 1648. The first part of the title is "The Book of General Lawes and Liberty as Concerning the Inhabitants of The Massachusetts" American demands for all good kinds of old books help the English second hand booksellers considerably, and prices for good things on the whole go up. A wise investment with second-hand booksellers today would be a capital investment for twenty years hence And I think there are no dealers so enlightened and worthy as those who care for old books, issue erudite catalogues, and are courteous, attentive, highly educated, and businesslike, too.

An artist prepared for one girl a strip of matting which reached from the floor to the ceiling. He had painted some Japanese cherry blossoms on it, with the words, "Great Japan," in the Japanese lettering, and the prettiest postals mounted on this matting made an attractive decoration.

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No. 100 will please take notice that No. 60 sent you a card July 22, '08, and has received no reply.

No. 90 please observe that No. 70 of whom you have entered complaint, has received no cards from your address, and that his exchange calls for "foreign only."

No. 104, your complaint will be looked up at once.

NOTICES.

43 Harry C Wilder, 34 School St , Carthage, N. Y., wishes to hereafter be known as an associate member. Please don't send him cards unless he makes request

18. Chas A. Mitchell's address will hereafter be 551 48 St., instead of 5[illegible]48 St., Brooklyn N. Y.

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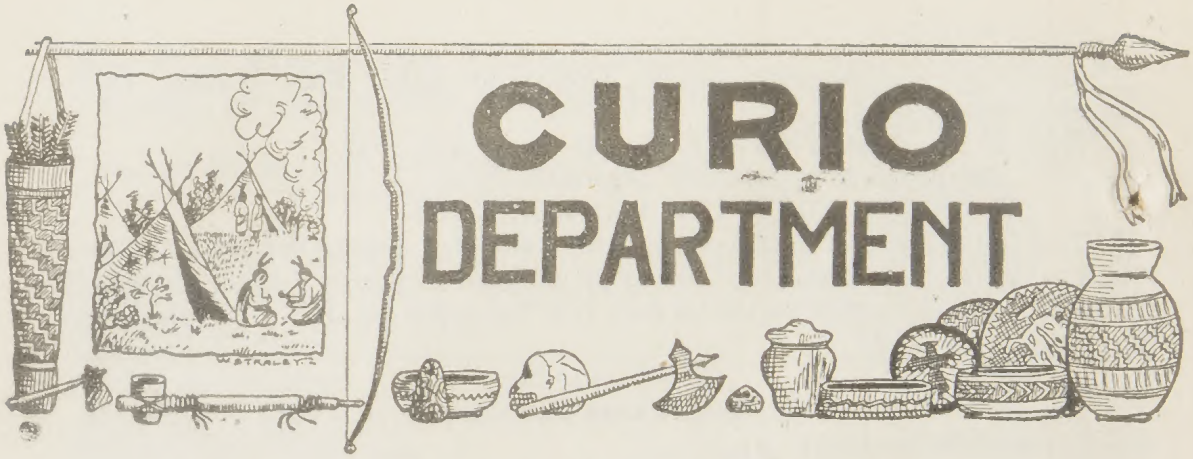
To our many inquirers: We wish to say that our membership list was written and sent to the printer for publication, but through a misunderstanding upon the part of the printer same was not completed as we had anticipated. We are very sorry for the mistake but we hope to keep our promise in the near future,

Yours Cordially,

James A. Carr, Jr., Sec'y-Treas.

World's Smallest Printed Book. The smallest book in the world, so far as is known, is preserved in an out-of-the-way corner of the British Museum. This miniature volume is not so wide as a man's thumb, but despite its microscopical dimensions it is most beautifully finished, and is a wonderful specimen of the printer's art.

It consists of no less than 100 pages of extremely thin paper, and the engravings are highly creditable pieces of work, and are printed in colors. The exact size of the book, taking the measurement of the outside covers, is ¾ in by ½ in. It bears the date 1839, and is therefore 66 years old. The title of this curiosity is "Schlorr's English Bijou Almanac."



Eighteenth Century Knick-Knacks

By J. H. Yoxall, M. P.

The wise collector is like Autolycus, "a snapperup of unconsidered trifles," and does not confine himself to lines already well known and pursued; in fact, he cannot unless he be very wealthy indeed, and it is not for the wealthy alone that I write my articles here. Where twenty years ago there were a hundred collectors at work on a "line" there are now at least a thousand, and a collector is wise in every way who strikes out a path for himself. And there is hardly any possible line which may not become remunerative, sooner or later. I do not say that, for instance, the enthusiast who never rests until he possesses an example of every regimental button ever issued to the British Army will find his buttons a Golconda when he comes to sell them, but he all the delight of collecting—the hunt, the find, and the acquisition—has cheaply known. This month let me talk about some "ornamental trifles" (which is a dictionary definition of "knick-knacks") that are lying about and seldom sought after just now.

The Eighteenth Century was for fashionable women in England and in France a period of indoor life, as a rule; there were many sedentary hours to pass and cheat of their weariness somehow. Fancy needlework has at all times been the great resource for otherwise unoccupied women of fashion, but in the Eighteenth Century they were apt to discover other methods of sedentary pastime also. Fashions in such occupations spread from France to England, or from England to France, and the fine lady in Mayfair trifled with knick knacks resembling those which occupied the fingers of the fine lady in the Marais at Paris. Early in the Eighteenth Century the rage for cutting out prints began, and it spread like an epidemic. Much of the present rarity of the prints issued at the time is due to the fact that fine ladies cut the figures out of them (particularly the coloured ones) and then gummed the cut figures upon cardboard boxes, hand screens, and so forth. Boxes and hand screens thus ornamented still remain in existence. I saw one in a shop-window the other day, and on some of them there are pieces cut out of prints which cost fifty livres at the time they were issued, and, if complete, would be worth five hundred livres today. Then came the rage for hand-colouring prints. You will find in old portfolios stipple-prints and mezzotints, very carefully tinted in watercolour—the handiwork of fashion-

able dames a century ago; and some of them have puzzled print-collectors terribly, seeming to be modern forgeries, and yet old.

After that arrived the rage for making "pantines" and "pantins", little figures cut out of cardboard, painted and jointed, with threads to make the limbs move, and the toy theatres in which they were to play the marionette. Harlequin,s Scaramouches, Shepherds, and Shepherdesses, dancing cardboard figures of all sizes and values, from one that cost a shilling to one that Boucher designed and painted for Madame la Duchesse de Chartres at a cost of $300, decked the consoles in Belgravia, Russell Square, the Marais, and the Faubourg St. Germain. Examples of these quaint old figures still remain extant. Doll-dressing belonged to the same category, and the tiny old dolls in their robes and furbelows of contemporary brocades and laces make a capital "line" for a woman who is a collector today.

"George Paston" tells us that "so terrified were the women who lived under the third and fourth Georges of seeming to execute anything with professional skill, that they deliberately invented a kind of "mock art," for which England has been unique among the nations. For example, to model well in clay would have been considered strong-minded, but to model badly in wax or bread was quite a feminine occupation. Filigree and mosaic work was imitated in coloured paper, "medals" were made of cardboard and gold leaf, "Dresden china" of rice paper,cottages of pasteboard, flowers of lambswool, coral of blackthorn twigs painted vermilion, and "Grecian tintoes" (so called) were painted—or plastered—in black lead mixed with pomatum, the high lights being scratched out with a pen-knife" (By the bye, in Gandy's "The Artist," one of the earliest Baxter books, there are full instructions for making "Grecian Painting," "Japan Painting," and others of the things mentioned above). And just as they copied line-engravings in human hair stitched on to white satin,so the Georgian ladies imitated prints in lead pencil; I possess three wonderful examples of their skill in that way.

Then came the rage for unpicking gold and silver lace, unravelling old shoulder knots, brandebourgs, and epaulets. Madame de Genlis, in her "Memoirs," showed how a diligent lady might unravel enough old gold and silver lace to sell for as much as $400 in one year To this day you will find in odd corners of bric-a-brac shops old epaulets, edgings, and so forth, consisting of tarnished gold or silver lace. In the year 1772 Christmas boxes to ladies largely consisted of fans, tiny chairs and tables,coffee-cups,birds,windmills, and "pantins," all specially made-up of gold or silver lace in order that the ladies might have the pleasure of unravelling it, thread by thread. When unravelled, it must be wrapped around bobbins, and old bobbins still full of the old thread may be picked up today. Gold lace was gold lace in those times; Dutch metal had hardly been invented. And this mention of bobbins brings me to another class of Eighteenth Century knick knacks, more easy than the above to come across now.

I mean the dainty trifles which occupied the drawers, tiny recesses, and specially made receptacles which are to be found in the old workboxes which still remain. Bobbins of ivory, bobbins of horn, bobbins made of a metal shank between a beautifully pierced and carved mother-of pearl disk—the top of the bobbin—and a round of bone—the bottom of the bobbin—may now be picked up for sixpence or a shilling apiece. Then there were the thimble-cases, made of carved ivory or bone, and if you find one with a bone thimble still in it you have acquired an ancient knick-knack indeed. Next,

there were the tape-measures. The Georgian tape measure was usually made of pink silk, marked off into nine inches and multiples of nine inches, not into twelve inches and into feet, as the severely practical tape measures are today. The carved and pierced bone, ivory or silver cases of these old tape-measures are pretty and interesting trifles, and take the most extraordinary forms. I have one which looks like a cathredal spire; I have seen one that worked like a windmill.

Needle-cases of pierced and carved bone or ivory; long ones, to hold darning-needles and tapestry-needles; are still to be found. Then there were the pincushions, some of them large and ordinary, but some of them small and dainty, consisting of a pad of pink velvet, mounted on the top of a short pillar of bone or ivory And of course, no Eighteenth Century work-box was complete without its powder-puff, powder-box, and patch-box, or its stiletto to use as a bodkin, its steel instruments to use in "pinking," and its spools for silk. I saw an early Victorian work-box complete with all its dainty fittings selling for thirty shillings the other day.

In fact the range for the collector of Eighteenth Century knick knacks is almost endless, and I have by no means touched upon all the articles which this line offers to the quick and recognising eye. Nearly all the knick knacks are small, dealers do not make a feature of them, they are not exposed in shop windows, and you have to hunt for them, as a rule. But when you find them you can usually buy them cheaply—at present, that is.

Ancient Hornbooks

Hornbooks—leaflets containing the alphabet, simple spellings, the Lord's Prayer, and Roman numerals—were common in country places down to the days of George II., and cost originally from two to four cents But not long ago one of these queer relics—known as the Bateman Hornbook—was sold at auction for $355. It was 3¾ inches high, and 2⅞ inches wide, with a handle one inch long, and was covered, except the handle, with leather. The alphabet was preceded by the Cross, and this was the case with most of the hornbooks Hence the phrase, "criss-cross row." The back was stamped with a figure of Charles I , bareheaded, and in armour, on horseback. At the top corner and facing the king was a large celestial crown, issuing from a cloud above his head and in the other an angel's face and wings. The book bore other marks of less interest. Some of the hornbooks were costly. Queen Elizabeth gave one of silver filigree to Lord Chancelor Egerton, and others were made of ivory and bone. Yet another variation was the gingerbread hornbook, which seems once to have been a common baker's dainty. Of it Prior wrote:

To Master John the English Maid a hornbook gives of gingerbread:
And that the Child may learn the better, as he can name, he eats the Letter.

At an exhibition of toys of all nations and of all ages, opened at the London Day Training College the oldest and most interesting doll exhibited was 2000, years old, and once upon a time delighted an Egyptian child. There was also a Welsh doll 100 years old. The Japanese dolls and games were works of art, and two footballs used by the nobles of the Mikado's Court 200 years ago were shown.

MINERALOGY



EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles, etc to this Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive Mont., will be answered as far as possible in this dept.—Forest Gaines]

In 1879 one of the two still volcanoes in the Lipari Islands, off the north coast of Sicily, was purchased by a Scotch firm for $40,000, for the purpose of extracting alum, boracic acid and sulphur. Two volcanoes in Iceland were not long since advertised for sale in a Copenhagen paper. The price asked was about $750. Cheap enough at least.

Perhaps the most interesting fact in connection with Kimberly, the diamond city, says a recent article, is the "street washing," which has been a recognized industry for some time past. With the exception of two or three of the principal thoroughfares, all the streets have been subjected to the washing process, and some of the debris washers have done very well. The washing consists of overhauling the earth for diamonds. At nearly every meeting of the borough council applications for permission to wash streets or portions of streets are received. The would be washer has to obtain the consent of persons resident in the street or road, to put the latter in sound repair again, and pay to the municipality ten per cent on his gross finds. Last year $4,800 was paid to the municipality in this way, a good proportion of which represented commission on street finds.

In the early days of the diamond field the ground was washed in a very primitive style, many diamonds being thrown away in the debris, as it is called. The debris was subsequently used for street making purposes, and now, years after, with better machinery at their disposal, people find it pays to "wash the streets."

Many houses built of "maiden" debris are removed in order to wash the latter, and stones of comparatively large size are frequently found by the energetic debris washer, who literally works from morning to night, from sunrise till sunset.

The Popular Science News says that an interesting discovery, from a geological point of view, was recently made by an explorer in the mountain of Witzies Hock, Natal, says Le Genie Civil. On the summit of an extinct volcano, on the edge of a lake that occupies the crater, soundings revealed a layer of sand inclosing small diamonds. It would be interesting to know whether these diamonds were there accidentally—that is, as the result of washing operations carried on by the natives—or whether this discovery corresponds to an actual mine of diamonds, for the hills of Witzies Hock are not situated in regions known to be diamond bearing. On this last hypothesis the presence of precious stones in the crater of volcano would doubtless throw some light on the formation of the gems in nature.

The 56th monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, Sept. 4th, President Virgil M. Brand presiding. The following members responded to roll call: Messrs. Blumenschein, Merrill, Chester Dunham, Holmes, Baker, Sorensen, Williams, Ripstra, Puttkamer, Lewis, Kelly, Green, Carey, V. M. Brand, Brenner, Simpson and Leon.

Messrs. Chas. E. Schlytern, Walter S. Chattin and A. E. Herschleb were elected to membership. Mr. Miller and Dr. Bert were present as visitors. The latter showed some interesting European coins, interspersed with anecdotes and historical matter connected with the pieces. Mr. V. M. Brand exhibited a set of Anse Canot pieces of Prince Edward Island in denominations of one, five, ten, twenty and forty, only the ten of which has been heretofore known to exist, and a half eagle of 1832 in proof condition; Mr. Blumenschien some U. S Freaks; and Mr. Ripstra some Lincoln medals.

Magazines received since last meeting were the Numismatist, Philatelic West, Chicago Collectors Monthly, Spink's Numismatic Circular and Collectors Journal for August and Mehl's Monthly for September. Auction catalogs were received from Green and Low.

Adjourned to meet Oct. 2nd. 1908.

Ben G. Green, Sec'y.

Post Card Instruction. There is no sign of a falling off in the souvenir post card craze, largely because new uses for the cards are constantly being devised. They often are really useful as well as entertaining, and some of them have educational value—a fact which seems to have been better appreciated in Germany than in this country, as may be seen from the following consular report. At the recent meeting of the German Geographical Society the idea was advanced for the first time to employ picture postal cards as means of instruction in the schools. The post card industry has made enormous progress in the last few years, and in the last few months cards have been brought into the market illustrative of natural history, political history, and for use in instruction in the German language, which have met with the hearty approval of professors and teachers of reputation. The school museum at Breslau has undertaken to form a collection of these cards, and for this purpose has requested the various publishers to forward them samples of their output, that it may be determined to what extent they may be used for purposes of instruction. Further, two teachers in Leipsig have established a central bureau for meritorious post cards of all sorts intended for purposes of instruction collection and travel. They have also developed and offer for sale two practical systems for the display and filing of the cards. These gentlemen select and arrange the cards most carefully according to pedagogical principles. Such prominent educators as Harms, Tischendorf, Rudolf Schmidt, and others have endorsed the plan of using illustrated cards as an aid in instructon, and even official bodies such as the Provincial Schulkollegium in Potsdam, anticipate favorable results from them. Without considering the feasibility of introducing instructive post cards in schools, it may be said a private collection, dealing with some special topic, can be made to be of considerable educational value to a painstaking collector who has the inclination to pursue a course of inquiry suggested, and assisted in, by the cards. This is particularly true as applied to history or geography.

Union Souvenir Card Exchange

America's Largest Card Collector Club. :-: Organized April, 1904



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Wisconsin—George J. Rhein ..... Manchester
Arkansas—Robert Ford ..... Box 448, Little Rock

DUES: United States, 60 cents per year; Canada, 75 cents; Mexico, $1.50 (Mexican); Foreign, $1.00, 4 shillings, 5 francs, 4 marks, 5 lire, 2 yen, 3 rupees, 2 rubles, 5 pesetas, 2½ florins, 2 milreis, 20 piasters, 4 kronas. For those who are already subscribers to THE PHILATELIC WEST the dues are as follows: United States and Canada, 35 cents; Mexico, 75 centavos; Foreign, 50 cents; 2½ francs, 2 shillings, 2 marks, 2½ lire; 1 yen, 1½ rupees, 1 ruble 2½ pesetas, 1.25 florins, 1 milreis, 10 piasters, 2 kronas.

Address all communications to the Secretary. Application blanks and particulars furnished free upon request by any of the officers or representatives.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

1. Members are required to answer all cards promptly.
2. Members must place their full name and address and UNION number on all cards sent for or in exchange.
3. Always enclose return postage when sending cards or letters to the Translation Department.
4. Always enclose return postage when writing for information of any kind.
5. Members should promptly renew when their membership expires, or else notify the society

that you wish your name withdrawn.

6. The society gives as a premium, five beautiful unused cards for each new member secured, and also cedits you with one point on the Roll of Honor.

7. We close our report on the 15th of each month and all notices and new memberships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.

8. Members are requested to notify the publisher if you do not receive The WEST regularly, and not the Secretary of The UNION. The publisher has been paid for your subscription and is under obligations to send you the paper.

9. Members are forbidden (unless requested by their correspondents) to mail view cards, for or in exchange, from states other than the one in which they reside, and members receiving such cards which are mailed in violation of this rule are under no obligations to reply.

10. The Secretary should be promptly advised in writing of all members who fail to answer your cards by giving dates cards were sent as well as full names and addresses of the delinqents. Members in the United States and Canada are allowed one month in which to answer; Mexico West Indies and Europe, two months; all other places except Australia, three months;

11. We do not furnish membership lists at regular intervals, nor do we promise to furnish any one with a new list every month, bnt we will gladly mail lists when published to all sending postage [The last list was published May 1st, so if you wish a copy, please send postage to the Secretary.]

12. We do not have any rules or regulations other than the foregoing, and by carefully complying therewith, we are sure you will be satisfied with your membership in The UNION.

Angust 17, 1908.

NOTICE.

After our report is completed each month, it is carefullly gone over and all mistakes are corrected before it is transmitted to the printer for publication. We realize that owing to the diversity and oddness of the names and addressed and other items which we publish, it is almost impossible to have everything set up correct to the letter. THE UNION desires therefore to ask the pardon and endurance of those whose names or addresses, are, or will be, sometimes incorrectly printed. It is our desire to have our reports correct in every detail, but we cannot assume the responsibility for typographical errors.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Our Five Leaders.

		Points to Date.
916.	L. W. Dison	28
903.	Arnaldo Ghisla	13
868.	Mrs. John Hoffman	11
314.	Miss M. Hays	8
546	Pierson Hardwick	7

The following members have secured one or more new points during the month just ended:

		Previous Points	New Points	Total Points
629.	Edna May Carroll	1	1	2
916	L. W. Dison	21	7	28
868.	Mrs. John Hoffman	10	1	11
1077.	W. H. Sedgwick		1	1
1019.	A. W. Odell		1	1
1177.	Lulu Bowmaker	1	1	2
1238	Mrs. H. C Thompson		1	1
1334	J. L Bigger	1	2	3
1335.	H. B. Stong		1	1
1508	Irene Granger		1	1
1510.	Donald Martin		1	1

AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

916. L. W. Dison, San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippine Islands, no longer desires to exchange cards, but good rare postage stamps of any country, and is particularly desirous of exchanging for any of the Dollar value

stamps of the United States.

924. Frank Schmidt, 755 Grand St., Brooklyn, N. Y , desires foreign only.

990. H C Wilder, 34 School St , Carthage, N. Y., stop exchange.

1077. W. H. Sedgwick, Box 127, Versailles, Indiana, invites all members to join his card club by sending name and address on a colored view card addressed to him.

1334. Jos. L Bigger, 2030 Miami St., Omaha, Nebr., will exchange with one member in each state and will always anwser with first class card.

1423. Ed H. Banks, Philip, S. D , would like a card from every member (no comics).

1455. E. J. Runner, Stanley, Kansas, will exchange views of Kansas City, Mo., with all foreign members.

1649. W. Maydell, 34 Denmark St., Plarstown, London E., England, does not wish to receive any more cards, but will exchange stamps or send cards for stamps.

1483 Walter Schmus, 618 W. School St., Chicago, Ill, would like church and photographic views

RENEWALS.

629. Miss Edena May Carroll, Box 84, San Marcos, Texas

1004. Albert Prote, 313 Milton St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

1056. Edward E. Stafford, 101 Jackson Place, Baltimore, Md.

1077. W. H. Sedgwick, Box 127, Versailles, Ind.

1238. Mrs Hatti E. Thompson, R.F.D. No. 2, Box 104, Attleboro, Mass.

NEW MEMBERS.

1546. Miss Vera de Veaux, General Delivery, Pittsburg, Pa.

1547. Teoh Hong Tye, Malacca Dispensary, Malacca, Straits Settlements

1548. Claude Strong. Tully, (Onondaga, Co.,) N. Y.

1549. James Davidson, 17, Wandsworth Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne, England.

1550 W. J Keiper, Dairy, Pa.

1551 Miss Virginia Bowmaker, 31 Saratoga St., Utica, N. Y.

1552. Alfred S Twichell, 1601 Everett St., Alameda, California.

1553 Mathew Hayden, 155 N. 10th St., New York, N. Y

1554. Oren Coats, Winchester, Ind.

1555 Miss Mable O. Cumming, 57 Abercromby St., Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. Will send first.

1556. F. X. Botelho, c-o Suethlage & Co., Shanghai, China.

1557 P. Pin Seong, c o Messrs. Boustead, Penang, Straits Settlements.

1558. John O. Carlson, Santo Domingo, Cuba.

1559. Chee Kim Chiang, Jonker St , Malacce, Straits Settlements.

1560. Wm. Jas. Gardiner, Schreiber, Ont., Can., Thunder Bay District, Box 117.

1561. Hazel E. Brown, 409 Sheridan Ave., Saginaw, Mich.

1562. Homer L. Finney, haron, Vermont, R. F. D. No. 1.

1563. Miss Marguerite Richter, San Marcos, Texas.

1564. K. S. Tan, c-o Koh & Co , Singapore, Straits Settlements.

1565. M. Arakawa, c-o Mimura & Co., 13 Chome, Yonezawacho, Tokio, Japan.

1566. Miss Gregorea Mercado, Sexmoan, (Guagua), Pampanga, Phi. Is

1567. Lee Kim San, 30-B Killiney Road, Singapore, Straits Settlements.
1568. Geh Chor Teik, c-o Bouslead & Co , Penang, Straits Settlements.
1569. B. T. Chye, 13 Tong Watt Road, Singapore, Straits Settlements.
1570. Miss Arsenia Alfaro, San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippine Is.
1571. Miss Mercedes de Buyson, Bacolor Pampanga, Philippine Is.
1572. Mrs. Maria A. de Buyson, Bacolor, Pampanga, Philippine Is.
1573. Dr. Felisberto Mercado, Guagua, Pampanga, Philippine Is.
1574. Miss F. Gutierrez, Bacolor, Pampanga, Philippine Is.
1575. Miss Fortuneta Aquino, Malapad, San Fernando, Pampanga, P. I.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

980 L. G. Cline, 1451 So. 9th St., Denver, Colo, to 1200 4th East, Hutchinson, Kansas.

1510. Donald Martin, 800 Emerson St , to 704 Holland Ave., Saginaw, Michigan.

Miss Winifred B. Wilson, Victoria, Tamaulipas, Mexico, to General Delivery, San Marcos, San Antonio, Texas.

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

The following memberships will expire during the month of October. We will fully appreciate a prompt renewal. The renewal fee is but 50 cents in case of members in the United States, and 75 cents for all other countries: 736, 742, 750, 760, 776, 766, 786, 788, 1273, 1274, 1275 1276 1277, 1278, 1279, 1280, 1281, 1282, 1283. 1284, 1285, 1286, 1287, 1288, 1289, 1290. 1291, 1292, 1294, 1293. 1295, 1296, 1297, 1298, 1299.

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The Junior Stamp Club of Denver, Colorado



Organized Oct. 19, 1906.

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The 40th regular meeting of the J. S. C was held Augus 7th at the residence of J. C. Skinner 2219 W 33d Ave., with 8 members present. Pres. Nell being absent, Vice Pres. Skinner presided. The minutes of the 39th meeting were approved as read. Applications of A A Savage W 33rd Ave, and Everett Rider, 3100 Umatilla St., were received. They were elected members Nos. 62 and 63 of the club. There being no other business a stamp auction then was held for the benefit of the entertainment committee.

The meeting then adjourned.

J. S. Kramer, Secy , Pro Tem.

The post card craze is nowhere so marked as in the United States. Some idea of its extent is to be seen from the fact that there is returned to the Dead Letter Office 50,000 cards daily, owing to non delivery. The cards are sorted and sent to orphanages and childrens homes

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To members of this Association who receive unsolicited selections of stamps, with no return postage are requested to return same by express "COLLECT" and send name of firm to Secretary

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, September 19, 1908.

62 books in circulation as per last month's report, value $1215 04
13 books received since, value 290 99
75 books in circulation, value 1506 03

New members desiring to receive circuits should apply promptly as it always takes some time to get them started on a regular circuit.

Also members will greatly assist the Superintendent and each other if they handle all circiuts promptly and not retain them over the 3 day limit.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Roemer, Supt.

Fellow Members:

I wish to thank all for my election as auction manager of the S. P. A. for this season and intend (with the help of all members) to make this department a success and a real benefit to all Our first sale will be held next month and all members desiring to enter anystamps in this sale should send them to me AT ONCE Commission charges will be 10 per cent. Send on some of your good duplicates and let's make the first sale a big success.

Sincerely,
B L. Voorhees, Auction Mgr.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

APPLICATIONS.

1. J. Warren Weissheimer, 715 Asylum Ave., Hartford, Conn., legal, stamp dealer. R. L. Doak, J. H. Slade.

2. C. E. Severn, 721 Oxford Bldg., Chicago, Ill., 36, publisher, R L. Doak, P. M. Walsieffer.

3. Arthur C. Hartman. Box 1025, Milwaukee, Wis., 43, Public Accountant, R. L. Doak, John E Reilly.

4 Lloyd G. Cline. 1206 4th Ave., East Hutchinson, Kans., 21, stamp dealer, R. L. Doak, E E Shatto.

5. W F. Herron, Pender, Neb., 30, physician, H.S Powell, H. Wendt.

6. John F. Hart, 502 Florida St., Baton Rouge, La., 17, R. L. Doak, L. F Hart.

7. Dr. F. Burdette Merrill, 100 State St., Chicago, Ill.. 49, Dentist, F. P. Breuer, E. S Martin.

8. J. Francis, Ronbaix, S. Dak., 30, carpenter, Bert Clark, S. E. Mc-

Williams.

9 Clarence P DeKay, Florida, Orange Co., N. Y., 22, editor, Will Nolan, L Crandall.

10. John Pfalz, 231 W. 30th St., New York City, 47, stamp dealer, Wm Ault, Wm Haak.

11. Charles Nissen, 7 Southampton Row, London W. C. England, L. Brodstone.

12. John J. Coates, 19. Barough High St., London Bridge, S. E. England, L. T. Brodstone

13. G. Gilbert, 51, Rue Le Peletier, Paris, France, L. T. Brodstone.

14. H. Koehler, 51, Rue Le Peletier, Paris, France, L. T. Brodstone.

15 G H. Fabian, 317 Evergreen Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., 26, pharmacist, L. T. Brodstone.

16. John A. Klemann, 237 Broadway, New York City. L.T. Brodstone.

17. Vahan Molzan, 45 Beaver St., New York City, 36, stamp dealer, L. T. Brodstone.

18. E. F. Ballard, 603 Crockett St., Shreveport, La., 18, clerk, L. Brodstone, C. R. Ball.

19. E. C. Bailey, Decorah, Iowa, 39, editor and printer, R. L. Doak, L. B. Whitney.

The above will be admitted within 20 day, providing no objections are filed with the Secretary prior to that date.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

203. W. F. Van Dusen from Fergusonville, N. Y. to Boise, Idaho.

REINSTATED.

50. Emil Gerlic, Schertz, Texas.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Cash on hand June 15, '08	$25.24
Receipt from June 15 to Sept. 20th	11.46
Total	$36.70

EXPENDITURES.

Ballots, Proxies, Envelopes and Postage	4.52
To 1000 Application Blanks	2.00
To 500 Memberhip Cards	3.00
Circular letters and note heads for Secy	4 50
Secrertay's Postage June 15 to Sept. 20th	3 15
Total	$17 17.
On hand Sept. 20th	$18.53

Why not write me for blank and extend an invitation to that friend of yours. Blanks free to anyone for the asking, Fraternally,

R. L. Doak, Secy.

An important sale of curios has been held in Aberdeen a number of old stone implements, horns, church tokens, and coins having been dispersed. Spindle whorls in several varieties were sold at small prices, collectors being able to secure several for $1. Church tokens averaged about 25c each, and some ancient flint-lock pistols changed hands at comparatively trifling prices.

Clocks seem to be going up in price. Several grandfathers recently realized high figures, averaging about $45 each.

A Kolumn for Kansas Kollectors

By George J. Remsburg

A natural curiosity donated to the Kansas State Historical Society's collection by J. E. Wilson, of Topeka is described as follows: "It is the limb of a tree which went through the Kaw river flood. The wood is carved more fantastically than if done by hand of an artist. The work was done by the sand in a whirling eddy where the tree lodged Some of the grooves are an inch deep and as smooth as if scraped by glass The wood is very hard and the friction of the sand must have been intense for several days. Mr Wilson says the trunk of the tree is carved in the same manner. It now lies on a sandbar not far from Topeka."

Mr A J Haskins has in his possession an almanac of 1822, which is probably one of the oldest in the state of Kansas. It is in good condition and besides the dates has all kinds of poetry, short witty sayings, riddles, signs, etc One of the short sayings worth remembering is "Rum has conquered more than ever Alexander or Bonaparte ever subdued and will continue to carry on his conquests as long as vice and folly exist in the world, but the fool will still be a drunkard,and the drunkard will still be a fool." —Atchison Daily Champion.

Two human skeletons together with many old fashioned cartridges, badly corroded, were recently found in the side of a ravine where they had become exposed by washing rains, near Hill City. The discovery was made by County Surveyor Miller. It is supposed that the remains are those of parties who were engaged in some early day conflict with the Indians.

Henry Eich, of Sumner, in Atchison county, has presented the editor of this department with a handsome spear head of pink flint,which he recently found while digging potatoes on his Sumner farm

We are indebted to Mr. W. Straley,editor of the Department of Indian Relics in the West, for a copy of his little booklet entitled "Paragraph from a Collector's Note Book" It is a neat little volume and contains some interesting and valuable information on the local archaeology of the author's old home neighborhood in Comanche county, Texas, and his present home at Nelson, Neb., based on his own personal observations and explorations These "Notes" show Mr. Straley to be a careful and capable student of archaeology.

There come to our table a copy of the Nemeha county, (Neb) Republican containing a notice of the very persevering and creditable archaeological work being accomplished by Mr Samuel P. Hughes in the interesting and important field along the Missouri river, from Omaha to the Kansas line. This paper also gives an account of the discovery of an ancient earthen pot in Nemeha county, perfect specimens of which are very rare in that section, as they also are in Kansas. The date of this newspaper that contains so much of interest to archaeological students, is August 21, 1908.

Collectors are again warned against forgery, especially in old silver and so-called Sheffield plate. The wiles of the forger are many, not only are rare examples copied in every detail, but cups and bowls are "doctored," and embellished with the most correct scroll handles, until it really takes an expert eye to tell that they are not what they seem to be.

The American Junior Philatelic Assoc'n

Organized May 20, 1907 Re-organized Jan. 6, 1908.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Fellow Members of A. J. P. A., and Junior Philatelists:

I have several important announcements to make concerning the standing and prospects of our society. I also have a few questions I wish answered by all interested.

In the first place I wish to state that the A. J. P. A. is not a local society. The Coldwater branch was the nucleus when the present officers were elected and elected local officers. Doubtless in the Jan. election the outside branches will establish officers in some positions.

The Sales department is being organized. Membership pins ready Nov. 1st, at 15c and 30c.

As one of the things to be entered as amendments to the constitution Jan. 1, the following membership plan has been proposed: As soon as a person is elected to membership, he shall become a probationary member. At the end of one year if he rejoins—with consent of Trustees—he becomes a 1st degree member, in same manner a second degree member, etc. Also for each year served in elective office 1 degree shall be added. Also for each three new members obtained within a year, one other additional degree shall be added. With this system the standing of a Junior may be readily determined.

Shall we change the last word in our name to Society, as the A. P. S. decided to do?

Shall we adopt colors red, white and blue for our offical pins, and membership cards? Everybody pitch in and help double our membership list. Let's make our society worthy of substantial support in senior circles. Let each member get at least one new member.

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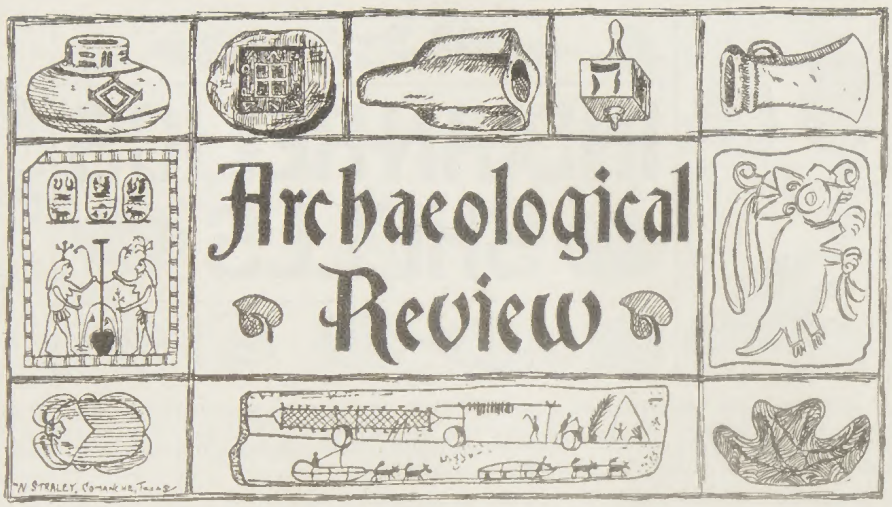
NEW MEMBERS.

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Cecil W. Rotzell, 15, student, Philadelphia, Penna.

SUSPENDED.

Dr. J. W. Horter, 58 Maret St., Pokeepsee, N. Y.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—Publishers of archaeological journals and books, are requested to send copies for review, to address below. Also desire notes and clippings of archaeological interest. Proper credit given to all correspondents.
David B. Emert, Dawson, Shelby Co., Ohio.



The 26th Annual Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology is at hand. This like all works of the Bureau is a fine bound, printed and illustrated work describing the Pima and Tlingit Indians, their social and religious customs and giving a good idea of their languages. If you wish a copy send in your application at once as the Bureau publications are published in small editions

Ravenna, O., August 14.—Workmen discovered an Indian burial ground in Paris township, east of Ravenna Thursday, while excavating for gravel to be used on the four miles of improved road for which Dan R. Hanna will pay one half cost Several graves, containing remnants of skeletons and many Indian implements, were unearthed and relic hunters are busy with spade and pick The deposits were found at a depth of about three feet and include besides the bones, a lot of stone pipes, tomahawks, skinning knives and stone ornaments A bone petrifaction was also found.

Winnipeg, August 14.—It became known today that the skeletons of Jean Baptiste De La Verandrye, and Father Aulneau, a Jesuit missionary, and the skulls of nineteen French Canadian voyageurs, all of whom were killed by Sioux Indians on an island in the northwest angle of the Lake of the Woods in June, 1736, were discovered last week by a party of priests of St. Boniface College of Winnipeg, accompanied by Judge Prudhomme. The St. Boniface party also found the site of Fort St. Charles, built in 1732 by the great explorer, Sieur De La Verandrye.

Muncie, Ind., August 14—For the first time pearl hunting this season has become a distinct industry in White River. Many campers along the stream hunt pearls, while a few persons make it a regular occupation. As yet no very valuable pearl has been discovered nearer this city than Farmland, twelve miles away, where a boy found a gem which he sold for $500. Many pearls are found, but most of them are worth little, and are bought at low prices by local jewelers. Every day local jewelers receive pearls, nearly all imperfect stones Usually a part of the gem is good, but most of it is worthless, and when the valueless end is cut off, is of little worth.

The Editor expects to spend the winter in Arizona, New Mexico and Southern California and will be glad to make purchases for readers of the WEST at actual cost of articles and time. Correspondence desired.



EDITOR'S NOTE. The editor of this department would like to receive papers, magazines books, etc. dealing with the subjects of Archeology and Conchology for review; also would appreciate clippings or accounts of discoveries along the lines of Indian relics and shells. Proper credit will be given. Address, W. Straley, Nelson, Nebr.

R 16 — "Cradles of the American Aborigines," by Otis T. Mason, has been received, and is quite an interesting paper on this important article of furniture. Contains 51 pages, 45 figures.

The Twenty sixth Annual Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology (1904-05) is at hand. The report of the Chief is followed by the following papers: "The Pima Indians," by Frank Russell, and "The Tlingit Indians," by John R Swanton The text is beautifully illustrated.

"Thomas Martyn and the Universal Conchologist," by Wm. Headley Dall, is on my desk In its few pages it discusses the work of this great conchologist in his writing and illustrating of the shells that were known in his day. The paper is No. 1425—from the Proceedings of the United States National Museum.

Recently while workmen were excavating in Swope park, Kansas City, Missouri, a spear-head of flint was unearthed 21 feet below the surface, Rock and earth covered the spot where the relic was found and trees 28 inches in diameter were growing therein. The spear-head is four inches long, and is now in the possession of W. A. Dunn, superintendent of parks.

A NEOLITHIC ADZE.

A stone adze of the neolithic age, found not far from Rothbury. That was a grim relic produced at the Newcastle Society of Antiquaries' meeting a few days ago—without any history. It was battered and broken; its cutting edge had long since disappeared. Possibly one might speculate on its utility in its early youth, in how many heads it was happily buried; whether it was effective as wielded by an early owner to lure a mate to his lonely cave. All trace of early tragedies has been lost in its long burial. Why conjure up such reflections?

The Antiquaries handled the venerable relic with due and feeling regard for its historic worth. In their discussions there is never sufficient excitement to justify the employment of such weapons.—From the Collector's Journal.

WANTED—Back issues of the WEST for May, June and July, '08 We offer two months' for each one sent to the publisher of the WEST, Superior, Nebraska.



..Camera News.

Editor—F. J. Clute, San Fran· .sc .



A Letter to the Editor

The following amusing letter was originally published in the Detroit Paper and gives evidence that the writer had evidently been there:

Gentlemen—A letter from you addressed to my husband has come to hand You ask him to write you an article for your Photographic Annual that is to be published next year, and you put in some taffy about his being a well-known amateur, and some stuff about what he writes being of interest, and that sort of thing. My husband is now on a photographic tour, as he calls it and of course I open all his letters. It is not likely that my husband will be back in time to write the article that you wish When he goes off with that confounded camera of his you never know when he will come home. So I am very pleased to give you a woman's view of amateur photography, and if you print it in your annual I think you will not have another article just like it

My unfortunate husband was stricken with the amateur photographic plague about three years ago. Up to that time I always considered him reasonably sane. I made no objection at the time to his joining the army of photographic cranks, because, you see, I know nothing of the subject. I have done everything I could since that time but although he has quit smoking at my request, he refuses to give up the camera habit. At the time that he began this so called recreation, my house, or perhaps I should say our house, was one of the neatest in the neighborhood. You just ought to go through it now My carpets have been ruined with those abominable chemicals which he uses. I don't pretend to know their names, but I know well the effect they have. Then the bathroom is something frightful to behold He uses that for what he calls his dark-room, and has contrivances for shutting out the light.

I noticed that in one of the books you sent him, Daguerre was the inventor of photography He may have been the inventor of photography, but I think it was another sulphurous gentleman with the same initial who was the inventor of amateur photograhy

My husband was reasonably good-tempered until he took up your diabolical art I at one time opened the door in the room in which he was working It was all dark inside, except a fearful red lamp, which threw a ruddy glow on his face and made him look as if he were going to have an epileptic fit. The moment I opened the door and let some light into the room that man went perfectly crazy. He claimed that I had spoiled a dozen of his plates, although I had touched nothing, and I came near suing for a divorce because of his awful remarks If the Evil One was not the inventor of amateur photography, then I would like to know who was! Then the

pictures he does turn out, when he gets them finished, are perfectly awful. He has tried at different times to photograph the children but the poor little dear look like wooden images in the picture. I went into the bathroom once with the baby and put him in the bathtub. There was some water in there already, and it looked clear enough, but in it was some of that horrible solution of silver that turned most of the baby jet black, and we haven't been able to get out the color to this day.

Then, the cost of the things is something awful, although my husband carefully conceals from me what he spends on it. I came across one of the photographic dealer's bills the other day, and it was enough to make one's hair stand on end. Pyrogallic acid, whatever that is, was twenty-five cents an ounce.

Just think, if I had to pay that for sugar! Four dollars a pound, instead of ten cents.

Twenty-five cents an ounce! And that wasn't the worst of it! Now, what do you think chloride of gold costs? For fifteen grains he is charged fifty cents. Now that, as you know well enough, is very near $20 an ounce, and $20 an ounce is over $300 a pound! I don't know how many pounds of the wretched stuff he uses every week, but if he uses ten pounds of it, and I am sure that ten pounds of sugar doesn't go very far in a house with a large family like ours, you would see that there is $3,000 for that one thing alone, not to mention the dozens of other chemicals he uses, and I am sure I don't know what the price of them is

I tell you that amateur photography was invented to drive a poor woman crazy, who has a husband that is a victim of the villainous practice. No wonder he says he can't afford a new dress for me when I ask him for it. The house is stained with horrible solutions from cellar to garret and I am always afraid to use any cups or glasses for fear there is some dreadful poison in them. The cat took some milk out of a saucer that had something or other of potassium in it, and it just curled up and died.

I am always afraid to sweep in any part of the house for fear it will raise a dust that will spoil something that he has tacked up on a board to dry. I wouldn't mind all this so much if he ever took a picture that was worth looking at; but, as I said before he never does. There, now, print that in your miserable photograph book, if you want to

Mrs. John Tripod.

A GOOD PRINTING HINT

One of my correspondents writes to thank me for a recent tip given in this department and says he would like to offer a suggestion that may be of use to others. He says: "Very contrasty negatives may be made to give soft prints on developing paper by using a print on the same paper as a mask. Make a print on a thin paper, like Cyko Studio; develop, fix, wash and dry and then fasten at the edges to the back of the negative, seeing that it is in perfect register. Such a mask will hold back the thin portions of the negative, according to the density of the print used, and the opacity of the dark parts of the print so used will save the detail in the shadows of the negative, instead of allowing them to become blocked up. If the print is oiled or made transparent by waxing before being placed in position on the negative, it will have no tendency to show grain in printing." The hint is a good one and worthy of a trial.

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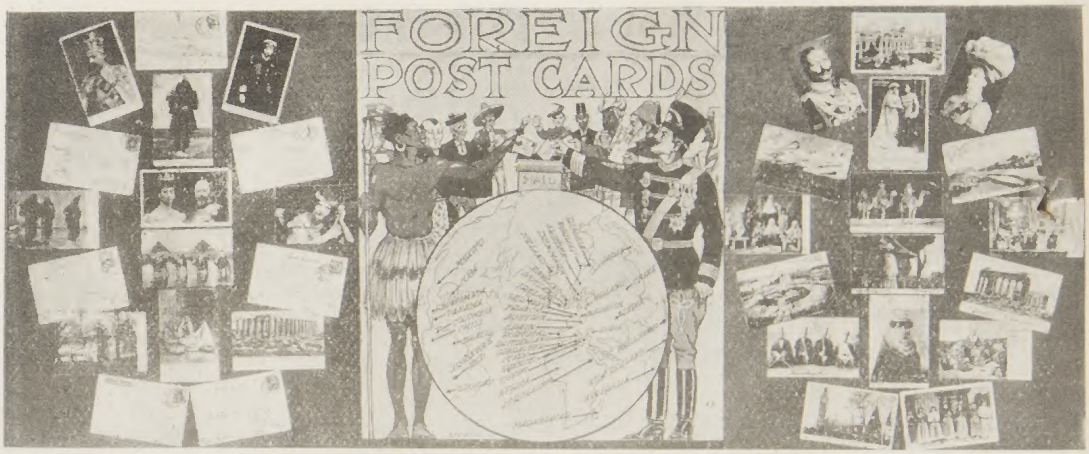
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20	Nashville Capitol	5
10	Richmond Blues	5
5	Capitol Richmond	5
2	Benjamin	10
1	Clay	10
50c	Jeff Davis	10
$ 50	1863 Ca c greenback	10
2	1864 greenback	25
100	1862 Negroes	14
100	1862 tran cars	7
100	Va. Treas	75
50	" "	35
10	" "	12
5	" "	10
1	" "	5
1	State Bk New Brunswick	10
2	" " " "	15
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10	Republic of Rome 1798	25
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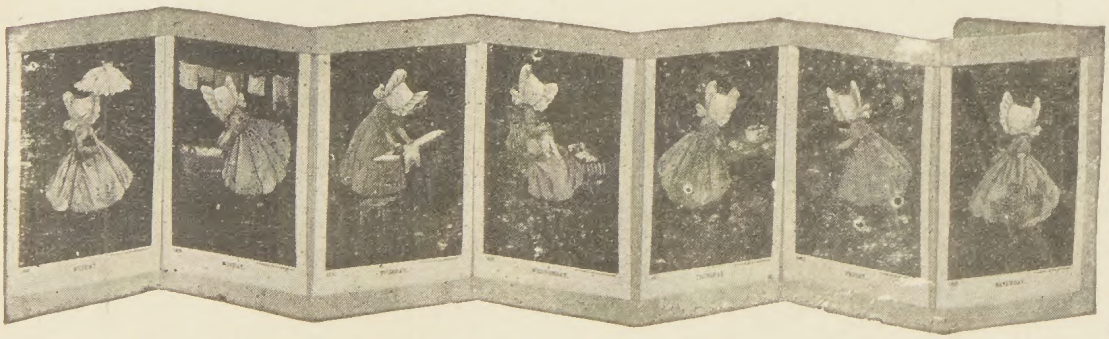
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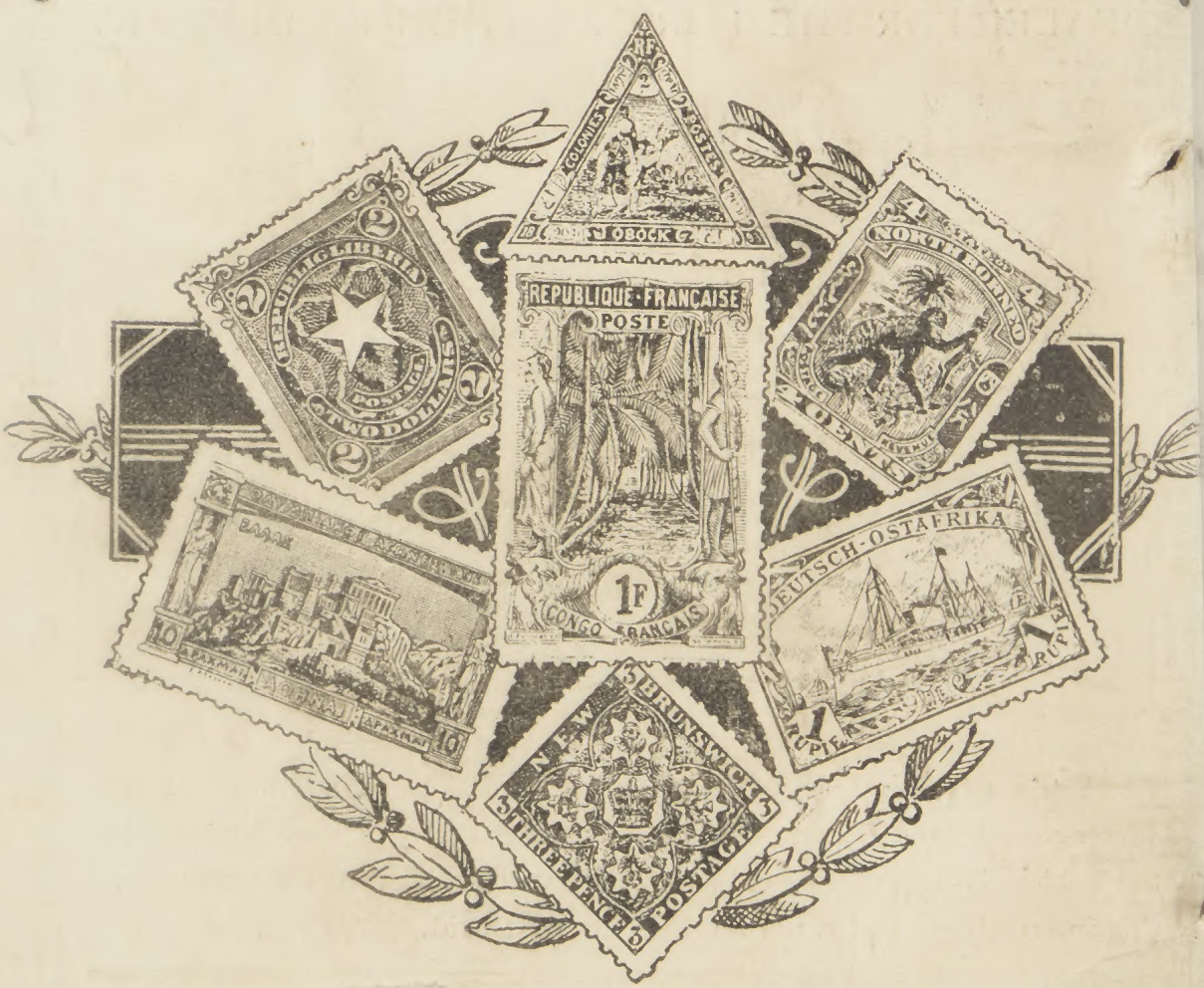
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	3c red	1
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	3c green	2
	6c carmine	8
	10c brown	10
1873	1c blue	2
	2c brown	2
	3c green	1
	6c pink	3
	10c brown	2
1875	2c vermillion	2
	5c blue	4
1879	1c ultramarine	2
	2c vermillion	1
	3c green	1
	5c blue	3
	6c pink	2
	10c brown	2
	15c red orange	10
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1882	5c yellow brown	2
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	3c blue green	1
	6c rose	5
	10c brown	1
1883	2c red brown	1
	4c blue Green	2
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	3c vermilion	5
	1c ultramarine	1
1888	4c carmine	2
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	3c green	3
	4c ultramarine	2
	5c chocolate	2
	6c purple	5
	8c magenta	3
	10c black brown	2
1894	1c blue	1
	2c carmine	1
	3c purple	1
	4c dark brown	1
	5c chocolate	1
	6c dull brown	2
	8c pure	2
	10c green	1
	15c dark blue	4
1895	1c blue	1
	2c carmine	1
	3c purple	1
	4c dark brown	1
	5c chocolate	1
	6c dull brown	2
	8c pure	2
	10c dark green	1
	15c dark blue	2
	50c orange	10
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	2c carmine	1
	2c carmine (new type)	1
	3c purple	1
	4c brown	1
	5c blue	1
	6c brownish lake	1
	8c violet black	1
	10c orange brown	1
	13c violet brown	2
	15c olive	2
	50c orange	5
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1904	St Louis	
	1c green	1
	2c carmine	1
	3c purple	8
	5c blue	7
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	6c brown	5
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We want back issues of this year's WEST up to and including August issue. We allow two months for each copy sent.

The next issue will be a holiday number, and expect to illustrate some of the oldest dealers shops of London.

Advertisers should get copy in early for next month, not later than the 25th. It pays when Hussman & Co. who had a half page in the summer have taken a page for a year. Seymour of Brooklyn says he sold over $500 00 from his first page ad and the highest priced stamp was $8. Hudson Co. of New York report their small ads pleased them with results. L. Miller, Indianapolis, reports over 300 replies to his small "July" ad. Remember early copy secures the best place.

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OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

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THE PYRAMIDS, by G. Garabedian. The chief attractions for tourists visiting Egypt are the Pyramids and the Sphinx of Guizeh. They are only a few hours distant from Cairo, on the opposite side of the Nile. Electric cars connect Guizeh with Cairo, and they are always full of wondering admirers from every quarter of the globe. There are numerous native interpreters and guides, some of whom speak fluently seven or eight languages. They invite you to ascend to the greatest of the three Pyramids. This ascent is very dangerous. Many tourists have lost their lives in attempting to reach the top of the Pyramid, although the native guides ascend and decend as quickly and as many times as if they were going upstairs in their house. I have myself attempted this ascent twice, but have succeeded only once in reaching the top. It took nearly 2 hours. The scene presented to the eye from that tremendous height is glorious—Cairo at a distance, the Nile with innumerable date trees, and on the other side a vast desert of sand. The scene represents the Pyramids and a typical Arab interpreter and guide in national costume. See ads of G. Garabedian.

MR. P. NILES MARTIN of Mauritius has one of the finest stocks of Mauritius stamps in the world. He handles stamps of Mauritius, Sychelles, Laurenco Margues, Reunion Madagascar, Cape of Good Hope and Transvaals and sells at wholesale only. He has a wholesale agent in each country and sells all stamps through his agents. Geo. H. Corbet is sole agent in America. Mr. Richard Lamox of Lancester is sole agent for England. In addition to this he has an agent in Germany and other countries. This picture was taken on his plantation in Mauritius.

GEO. E. HAYNES was born in Fulton Co., Ohio, 1885. When eight years old his parents moved to Adrian, Mich., where he lived until moving to Toledo, O., in 1900. He became interested in stamps in 1896 and dealt in them since 1897. He is a member of S. P. A., M. P. A., N. P. A., A. J. P. A., S. C. P. A., A. C. N., etc. He has one of the best stocks of Liberia stamps in N. A., and is always glad to hear from the WEST readers. He collects philatelic literature and would like to hear from all who collect or have any to exchange or sell. The picture was taken during an outing at Toledo Beach. Every one should get acquainted with him. He is a

jolly good fellow and always ready to help the cause along.

RUSSELL FRIEDELL entered the post card business about 2 years ago. It has grown larger each year and he has just put in a line of cameras and supplies and with the holiday trade ahead can see the demand for this class of goods which he expects to be able to handle. He has a large post card collection and exchange and his collection consists of about 1300 of which all are photographic cards.

J. C. RICE, San Antonio, Texas is a general real estate and fire insurance agent. He was born in 1884, a native Texan. He received a high school education, and attended military school three years, finishing off with a business college training in shorthand and typewriting, after which he entered the services of the San Antonio & Arkansas Pass Ry. as stenographer, afterwards rising to the position of claim investigator. In 1906 he was appointed assistant to the General Agent of the National Lines of Mexico, remaining with that company until October 1908, when he entered business for himself. He sent the finest calendar seen this year from any railroad company. He began collecting stamps in 1893 and has continued collecting, with the exception of one year when he thought he would stop, after having lost his entire collection of U. S. stamps, valued at about $500, by theft, while on exhibition at a local fair. He won first prize at three different fairs—however, he has stopped showing them since the loss. He has dealt in stamps, and still continues to deal in and collect stamps, being a member of the Southern Philatelic Association, No. 206. He invites correspondence from any of the fraternity at any time. Can see his ads in the WEST.

New Stamps Almost Ready

SIMPLICITY AND ARTISTIC EFFECT TO BE THE AIM OF SERIES ABOUT TO BE ISSUED.

The United States Bureau of Engraving and Printing has completed designs suggested by Postmaster General Meyer for a new issue of United States postage stamps. The new stamps will be of the following denominations: 1 cent, 2 cent, 3 cent4 cent, 5 cent, 6 cent, 8 cent, 10 cent, 13 cent, 15 cent, 50 cent, and $1. The $2 and $5 denominations now in use will not be reprinted It will be some weeks before all the denominations will be upon the market. However, the 2 cent stamps will be the first distributed, and it is expected that shipments to Postmasters will begin sometime in November. The new issue has been designed with the object of obtaining the greatest simplicity commensurate with artistic results. The profile has been taken in each instance instead of a full view, giving a bas relief effect. All the stamps are of a similar design, containing a head in an ellipse, the only decoration being laurel leaves on each side of the ellipse. The lettering is in straight lines at the top, being "U. S. Postage," and at the bottom the denomination of the stamp. The 1 cent stamp contains the head of Franklin, while all the others will bear that of Washington, taken from the bust by Houdon.

Thus one of the most notable differences in the new issue will be the minimum of lettering. The colors are the reds and blues of the earl stamps. It is reported they will be put on sale N ov. 16.

Director Ralph of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, regards the new stamps as the most artistic ever issued by the Government.

Southern Philatelic Association

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To members of this Association who receive unsolicited selections of stamps, with no return postage are requested to return same by express "COLLECT" and send name of firm to Secretary

Fellow Members:

I regret very much, that I have to announce the resignation of Mr. Julian Park, who conducted the Bureau of Information, and who was a stanch supporter of our society. I will appoint in his place Mr. Gilbert R. Sharp, of Troy, N.Y.

In my last report to the members, which will be due next month I will recapitulate the work done during the year 1908 and although the year showed an unusual upstart, the year 1909 will no doubt obscure this. In the mean time I sincerely hope that every member will do all in his power to keep the S. P. A. in a prosperous and healthy condition, and take interest in the welfare of the Society,

Fraternally yours,
Fred G. Fuessel, Pres.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Fellow Members:

Since my last report I have received 52 books and 6 sheets net value $175.67 and retired 6 sheets and 51 books net value $186 29. Have good buyers on circuits and fine stamps in circulation, priced at bargain prices. Want every buyer among our members to write and get on circuit. If you have stamps to sell remit 3c each for as many sales books as you wish to fill. Write me today.

Yours fraternally,
Leon V. Cass.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

APPLICATIONS.

1. Edwin A Hill, Room 348, Patent Office, Washington, D.C., 58, Asst. Examiner, H. S. Powell, Washington Society

2. Karl Wolff. 142 Walnut St., Winnipeg, Man., Canada., 38, piano teacher, H. S. Powell, N. J. Lindsay.

3. L. F. Cramer, P O. Dept., Galveston, Texas, 31, P. O. clerk, G. C. Cuenda, Charles Roemer.

4. W. H. Green, 515 So 7th St., Camden, N.J., 33, Gilbert R. Shark, W. S. F. Pierce.

5. S. E. McWilliams Roubaix, S. D., 33, bridge carpenter, H.S. Powell, Bert Clark.

6. Hinton W. Caldwell, 135 Price St., Columbus, Ohio, legal, grocer, Clarence V. Webb, A. P. A. 2891

7. Joseph E. Mueller, 352 Graham Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., 21, L. T.

Brodstone.

8. Pre Nilie Martin, Forest Side, Mauritius, Oceania, 40, land owner, R. L. Doak, Auguste Chararet.

9. Louis W. Bartel, 211 N. Garrison Ave., St. Louis, Mo., legal, dentist, L Brodstone, Commercial Trust Co.

10. H. Smith, 42 Dudley St., Medford, Mass , Charles Roemer, Charles Fowle.

11. G W. Pepper, 3 Baxter St., Providence, R I., legal engraver, R. L. Doak, A. L. Lausher

Above will be admitted within 20 days providing no objections are filed with Secretary.

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155. B. H. Dayton from 6 Irving St. to 119 Elm St., Albany, N. Y.

ERRORS IN LAST REPORT.

Application Errors. 4. Should read Lloyd G. Cline, 1200 4th Ave., East Hutchinson, Kans. 8 Should read J. Francis, Roubaix, S. D.

Reinstatement should read 50. Emil Gerlich, Schertz, Texas

Dear Members: I wish to impress upon the minds of our members that the time is now at hand for persistent work. We want more HONEST members and there is no reason why you can not obtain them if you will only hand that friend a blank and tell him that 53 cents pays the bill to Jan. 1st, 1910, in the U. S.

Our recruiting committee will be organized next month and we hope to see a more rapid growth from then on.

I also wish to state that on Jan 1st the 1909 dues are payable and the cards are ready for those who remit now. It is my hope that all members will make an early remittance and save me the trouble and expense of sending them notices.

Also I wish to hear from all who are interested in the S. P A. Year Book for 1909, either pro or con.

Have a supply of new blanks on hand which will be cheerfully sent to all requesting.

Mr. Dealer and Collector, why not enter our ranks. The Sales, Exchange and Auction Departments alone are worth far more than the cost, with The WEST and the use of the other departments thrown in.

Hoping to hear from all with any suggestions, etc., I am

Fraternally,

R. L. Doak, Sec'y.

MAKING STAMPS VALUABLE.

A remarkable scheme for raising the price of postage stamps has just been found successful by the Servian Government. Recently a large number of stamps issued in 1903, which bear the obliterated head of King Alexander, were found in one of the warehouses of the postal department. For these stamp collectors offered $29,000.

Before any deal was effected a brilliant idea struck one of the postal attaches Nikola Taditch. He suggested that if half the stamps were destroyed the remainder would greatly appreciate in value. This scheme met with the approval of the Minister, and now it is said stamp collectors have offered $330,000 for one-half of what they once rated as worth $29,000.

Fiscal Department

I have attempted to fill the part of Fiscal Editor of the WEST and I will be pleased to receive notes at any time of new issues and of varieties not catalogued of old issues and all such sent me will be noted here with proper credit. F. A. Brown, East Peru, Iowa. Lock Box 7.

The editor has received ' Y & T's Fiscal Catalogue of the World''—90c by mail—which came by courtesy of the Ararat Stamp Co. of New York.

This work lists about 45,000 varieties exclusive of minor varieties.

Europe is first 16.000: South America 14,000; North America 8,000; Asia 4,000; Australia, 1,200; Africa 1,100; and 2,000 miscellaneous. In countries Argentine Republic leads with 8,750; Northern Nigeria is last with 1 (one); the U. S comes second with 2965: Great Britain 2689; Great Britain and Colonies has 8200.

I understand there is to be a volume 2 to list bands, municipal stamps, etc., and perhaps the special tax of U. S.

The Tin Foil list by Bartlett is nearly ready for issue.

Mr. Rosen of Texas sends us some more tags. The one numbered 11 in July notes should be No. 12. No 11 is just like 10 except color which is black instead of red. In the upper right corner is ''32—1006—1 mil.''

No. 13, same inscription as 10, 11 and 12, slightly different type, upper corner has ''512—5071—mil.''

Nos. 14 and 15 read ''The Inspection tax has been paid on this feed. J. W. Carson, State Feed Inspector, College Station, Texas.'' Across the string end is ''Good for 100 pounds, H. H. Harrington, director.'' 14 has 1125—10—07—4 mil, printed in red 15 has 1527—3—08—1 mil, printed in black.

The ''Y. & T.'' catalogue is especially acceptable to U. S. collectors giving as it does 200 illustrations of U. S. Fiscals.

One finds many, to us, queer taxes imposed such as the Ireland Dog License, Switzerland Kanton St. Gallen, Tax on Table Salt, The Kanton of Geneva. Switzerland has a tax on velocipedes, also a hospital tax. Siam has a paddy field tax.

Wish anyone having Mexican Fiscals with the surcharge ''Alcoholes'' would write particulars to Lock Box 7, East Peru.

If your town issues a special tax form to be posted in saloons, billiard halls or such send specimen or particulars to above address Also same in regard to metal dog tax and express wagon tax tags.

Bavaria intends changing its faithful old stamp design—a design which has answered all the requirements of post and public for over forty years. The ''arms'' device, embossed in white on a background of color, was first used in 1867, and with very slight modifications has remained in active service ever since Yet the Bavarian stamps are not such a very simple series as one might suppose, for what they have lacked in variety of design they have amply made up in changes of watermark. Indeed, the watermarks are the chief thing to study in connection with the stamps of Bavaria. Now, according to German newspapers, designs are being invited for an entirely new series of stamps.

There is a rumor that both from Chicago and from St. Louis new and superior philatelic magazines will shortly make their appearance. We heartily welcome them and hope they will attain what they have in view.

The Junior Stamp Club of Denver, Colorado



Organized Oct. 19, 1906.

OFFICERS

Honorary President, Dr. H. A. Davis 1622 Welton St
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Board of Trustees: J C Skinner, F G Fellows and S A McManus.

The 41st regular meeting of the J. S. C. of Denver was held at the residence of J. C Skinner, 2219 W. 33d Ave., with 9 members present. Vice President Skinner presided.

A motion was made and carried that if satisfactory conditions could be made the J. S. C. would combine with the Denver Stamp Club in getting a room part paid for by each club, in which to have their meetings. E. R. Vanderhoof, H. A. Davis, J. C Skinner, A. L. Nell and H. E Munger were made a committee to see into the matter.

A motion was made and carried that E. R Vanderhoof be thanked for the stamps he gave to the Club.

An amendment to the constitution was made—That no member could hold the same office more than twice in succession.

Nominations were then in order. R. Jackson, H. E. Munger and S. A. MacManus were nominated for President; J. C. Skinner, J. S. Kramer and V. N. Garretson for first Vice President; J.O Jackson, P.J. MacIntyre and S. A. Macmanus for second Vice President; R Jackson, A. L. Nell and J. C. Skinner for Secretary; C. M. Snyder and G. W. DeLaVergne for Treasurer; Sales Manager A. L. Nell, H. E. Munger, C. M. Snyder and G. W. DeLaVergne; Trustees A. L. Nell, C. M. Snyder, J. C. Skinner, R. Harris, H. N. Starret, S A. MacManus and F. G. Fellows.

The entertainment committee announced that starting in October stamp collections of the following countries would be on exhibition for prizes: U. S., U. S. revenues, Hawaii, Haiti, Phillppines Samoa, Porto Rica, Canal Zone and Guam, Mexico.

J. S. Cramer, Sec'y.

The 44th regular meeting of the J S.C. of Denver was held Oct. 23d at the residence of J. S Framer, 2222 W. 32d Ave. With eight members present the meeting was called to order with Vice President Skinner in the chair. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read. Bill presented for money that has not been paid to insurance fund; bill for postage used in notifying members of meeting. These bills were ordered paid. Communications read from Redfield's, The Stamp Journal and Mekeel's, giving their rate for official organ for the coming year, the WEST being a candidate at the usual rate. After some discussion a ballot vote was taken; the WEST was unanimously elected. A motion was then made and carried, that official organ shall be paid for for 14 months, since memberships expiring in October are not dropped until December. Motion made and carried that 20c be paid out of the insurance fund, one of the members having failed to pay said amount for stamps taken from circuit. The following nominations were then made

for Exchange Manager to take the place of H E. Munger, who has resigned: S. A. McManus, F. Fellows; result of vote, McManus 7, Fellows 1. Nominations were made for Treasurer pro tem, C. M Snyder being absent in Colorado Spring. J C. Skinner was nominated and unanimously elected. An auction sale was then held several good amounts being realized.

The meeting then adjourned to entertainment, which was one of the most enjoyable affairs the club has yet had, the refreshments being furnished by J. S. and P. Kramer.

SPECIAL NOTICE to all members. The club has been aiming to secure a meeting place in the city, as this would greatly enhance the attendance. If EVERYONE pays their dues PROMPTLY this may be realized. All members are urged to send in their dues immediately if possible.

Fraternally yours,

A. L. Nell, Sec'y.

DeKay's Stamp Circular is singularly happy in quoting spicy news items. We reproduce a few of them.

"Russian Forgeries. Different values of the current Russian issue have for some time been sold over the counter at one of the post stations at Lodz, Poland. The paper used in the forgeries has the genuine watermark, and the imitations are so well made that the gum furnishes the only means of detection." If this is true, it is indeed remarkable. But, by the way, is it not more likely that the stamps in question are genuine stamps which were cleaned and re-gummed?

"According to Der Philatelist, when the 1904 set of stamps for Paraguay were prepared, each value was printed in six different colors, and, when one color was exhausted its place was taken by another. If this information is correct, new colors may be expected for many years to come."

"A Ten-acre Stamp. Relegate Postmaster's Provisionals! A stamp with an area of ten acres is decidedly more interesting. The Philatelic WEST, in reporting an auction sale in New York, says: "A ½ tornese, Tenacre, sold of 61 dols." This is, of course, an amusing misprint for Trinacria." Well, well, we can appreciate a joke, even if it is made at our expense! But just wait, brother DeKay, some day we may catch your printer stumbling over one of those outlandish words in which philately abounds.

ON CONTINUOUS ADVERTISING.

One step won't take you very far—
You've got to keep on walking;
One word won't tell folks who you are—
You've got to keep on talking.

One inch won't make you very tall—
You've got to keep on growing;
One little "ad" won't do it all—
You've got to keep them going.

Filatelic Flashes our young little sister comes in a pretty pink dress, she cannot talk quite correctly yet, but she is less than a year old and for her age she is doing well. Send a 2c stamp to L. L. Dolson, Geneva, Iowa for a sample copy, or better still 25 cents in coin for a year's subscription and watch her grow and improve. By this time next year, we venture to say, she will be as fine a young lady as can be found in the country.

Notes on U. S. Stamps

By Charles E. Jenney

The appearance of stamps punched with the initials of the users under the new ruling of the postoffice department, has occasioned some inquiry among collectors as to what extent they will be collected. In England and India, where the custom has been in force for years, I believe collectors pay no attention to them, owing to their very extensive use. In this country I doubt if the custom ever assumes much proportion, after the novelty wears off. Some of the first firms I have noticed using them are firms with head offices in England. In England I find that collectors are regarding such initialled stamps as inferior specimens and they bring a lower price. I have started in collecting one of each variety I find, keeping them on the entire envelope for the purpose of easily identifying the user's name. So far the task is not burdensome. It should become, in my mind, fully as popular a side collection as that of precancelled stamps or the prepaid in money labels. At any rate it will be necessary for collectors to retain a specimen with the punches to show a new postal regulation, and perhaps it will extend to one of each value.

The present officials presiding over the postoffice department are certionly alive to experimenting. There is the five cent certificate that we may buy for six cents and sent to our foreign correspondent to imburse him for return postage. There is the 2 cent rate on letters to Great Britain on October 1st, a most appreciable ruling to stamp collectors. And now there is a more doubtful experiment in the issue of the big posters illustrating all the current sizes and colors of U. S. envelopes life size and with the stamps printed on them with original dies. Posters printed on cardboard are sent to the different postoffices to be hung in a conspicuous place and in some cases postmasters have been willing to give them away. Posters of the same size on calendered paper are available on application to business houses and other prospective users of stamp envelopes. All this is to promote the sale of stamped envelopes. Its bearing on philately is this,—that although the posters bear a notice that they must not be destroyed or mutilated, it is very likely that some collectors getting hold of them will cut the stamps out square and then we have a new variety of stamped envelope, for the paper is wove, always white on the back, and the colored envelopes are not in perfect shade, especially the XXX 1c envelope labelled as manilla, which is between a buff and an amber. I suppose they must be classed as proofs.

Of the 1903 issue types, I have discovered No. 134, size 8 on amber. This has not been previously reported. This makes all the types found on amber now except 139 which will doubtless show up.

The new four and five cent stamps seem to be very slow in appearing, the reason being that there are large stocks of the old issues, even back as far as the Columbian issue, on hand in the postoffices.

St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society

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Auction Manager	H. A. Diamant
Entertainment Committee	F. N. Chase, Chairman
Recruiting Committee	Geo. Wood, Chairman

The ninety third regular meeting of the Society was held in the usual place and time on Tuesday, September 29th.

President Myers was in the chair and the following members were present: Anschuetz, Bolman, Chase, Cornwall, Diamant, Humes, Millhouse, Myers, Ruedi, Schumann, Voekler; and two visitors Messrs. Hussman and Williamson.

It was moved by Mr. Diamant and seconded by Mr. Millhouse that C. E. Hussman, 304 N. Main St. be reinstated carried unanimously.

The application of E. J. Reulbach, 5037 Kensington Ave. was passed to the Membership Committee for consideration.

The new society emblems were at last on hand and supplied to those having ordered. It is conceded by all to be one of the handsomest of philatelic lodges.

The "25 ugliest" contest only brought out three entries. Mr. Voelker took the prize for his unique set of ugliest.

The meeting closed as usual with an auction sale at which good prices were obtained. A Cape of Good Hope Stanley Gibbon No 24, 1d brown red brought within five cents of catalogue.

The ninety fourth regular meetng of the Society was held in the usual place and time on Tuesday Octobr 13th.

President Meyers was in the chair and the following members were present: Bain, Bollman, Chase, Diamant, Low, Meyers, Millhouse, Pokorny, Ruedi. Schellhorn, Schoemaan, Sission Sr., and Jr. and Wood.

The minutes of the previous meeting were r ad and approved.

The entertainment of the evening took the form of three contests, the President supplying the first two and Mr. Diamant the third. The first which was for the member naming most quickly the name of the country upon whose stamps could be found two denominations of money, Canada went to the Secretary The second was for the longest list of words got out of the word "SURCHARGE" in fifteen minutes. Mr. Diamant came out on top with forty eight. Mr. Schoeman was a very close second with forty seen The third was for a list of stamp issiung countries in the name of which no letter of the alphabet was repeated. This also was close, Wood thirty six, Myers thirty five.

F. N. Chase, Acting Secretary.

Der Philatelist in its chronicle of new issues states that the new 40 rappen of Switzerland has appeared. According to the cut reproduced it is a pretty stamp. The other values are expected to appear in the following order: 30, 50 rappen, 3 francs, 20 rappen, 1 franc and 70 rappen. The whole series is to be out by the beginning of next year We also glean that the new Italian Levante stamps appeared with four diifferent types of surcharge, three of which are said to be of local orign and one of Roman. As to the local prints there is diversity of report, and it is suspected there is some speculatve element in them.

Some Curious and Interesting Postmarks

By W. H. C. of Liverpool, England

In a former section of this artcle I stated that postmarks had a greater antiquity than postage stamps, and would probably be in evidence when "adhesives" had ceased in this World of Trouble. and perforation, and I will endeavor to make my meaning a little clearer to the readers of the WEST.

There is a tendency in all walks of life to try and get ahead of or at least save time and one must admit the old fashioned system of using a date stamp and separate obliterator, on post letters was rather calculated to hinder, than save time, trouble and expense—until happy thought—the concentric ring, of postmark fame was introduced embracing obliterator and date stamp in one, or multum in parvo. The powers that be in England at least now went a step further by introducing ring types in red, with large paids, in the centre, and monetary value below and in some cases, above, and considerable discussion and correspondence has recently taken place in philatelic circles as to whether these "paids" are postage stamps or not and the question When is a stamp not a stamp still remains unsolved Be that what it may, these "paids" like the poor, are still with us, and have come to stay, for it stands to all sense and reason, much time, trouble and expense has been saved by their adoption, and one must admit the present day system? of attaching adhesive postage to envelopes is at least "messy" in the extreme, and if you have any doubt about it gentle reader, just try and affix half a dozen postage adhesives to as many letters on a pouring wet day, and make it your mission to run out of stamps, necessitating a visit to the Local Post Office—"while it rains",you will I think.then be a candidate for "supporting the adoption of a system of stamped while you wait inside the post-office instead of doing your own "sticking" in the rain—outside. Canada has I see introduced yet another "system" entirely her own for circulars and printed matter, which shows that postage has been paid in bulk and it is painfully evident that sooner or later the adhesiive stamp,so far as letters are concerned will "have to go". But with fiscal adhesives—that is a leaf out of another book of which more anon, collectors The moral to all this, is in favor of postmarks and their collection, and the time is on hand, when our ranks will be considerably augmented for the despised of today is the collectable tomorrow, for fashion has many vagaries, and should some Royal Highness take up the craze, the future success of postmark collecting will be assured; at least such is the opinion of the humble writer—and who knows, we may yet live to see a royal Postmark Society some day.

Again turning to these paid postmarks or postage receipts to give them their proper name. collectors of such will find that the majority of those issued from England are at the least of it, very poor specimens, in fact nine out of ten specimens are very badly struck and the ink is vile, and appears to be a miserable concoction of red lead and oil.

Some of these "paids" issued from the small towns are somewhat rare and well worth looking for, as also the higher values. They are generally used in connectoin with Drapers and Hosier circulars, Rate Notices, Sale by Auction &c and as they easily lend themselves to construction, any small town can be supplied by the P. O people at short notice with a "paid" to order mark.

(To be continued.)

Postal Officials and the Stamp Trade

By L. G. Dorpat

Under this heading "Stamp Collectors" Fortnightly" quotes "The Statesman" of Calcutta, saying: Philatelists are responsible for a curious difficulty which is afflicting some of the minor colonies, and for a subsequent "breeze" between some critics and officials at Home. Attention has been called in the Press to illegitimate issues of "provisional" stamps in the minor colonies referred to, and explanation being demanded brought forth the curous fact that professional stamp collectors constantly create trouble for officials. If in the case of some small colony it is believed that an issue of stamps of a particular denomination would be useful, the official preparing the order estimates the number required for local consumption, and of course from the strictly official point of view this is all he is concerned with. But occasionally it happens that the stamp hunter makes a raid upon his stock of that particular issue, and the stock is rapidly exhausted. Then apparently he is officially justified in taking any surplus stock he may have of stamps of higher value and surcharging these with the value required. These stamps with the extra call upon the issue in their turn become valuable, and the demand of the dealers being met, the local need is again a difficulty. The dispute at Home centers around the question whether any postal official is justified in recognizing the existence of the dealer as such. But whether he is officially recognized or not he is a very real factor in the situation. So for the quotation.

We may add that it is only natural for any one who is a stamp collector, stamp dealer or agent for stamp people, to buy at once as large a lot of any particular stamp as he possibly can, if he has reason to expect a coming shortage of that stamp. By doing so the coming of the shortage is of course accelerated. All small and provisonal issues are therefore subject to a probable "run" on them, and may by necessity be followed by other small or provisonal issues. The whole thing is as natural as anything can be, and the good people who vehemently complain against it are not the ones who were fortunate enough to get a sheet or two of the coveted stamps, but those who came too late to get their share of the good things and are therefore angry. They envy their more fortunate brothers and cry, "sour grapes!" But just wait until they get a chance, and you will see that they will act as natural as the ones they envied!

Another question is. Should the post officials figure on the demand that is likely to be made by stamp people on any particular stamp, and should they therefore order supplies of all stamps large enough to meet all possible demands by stamp people? If they do, there will be a "howl" agajnst official speculation on philately: if they do not, there is so much the more a probability of a "run". It is impossible though, to anticipate correctly what the philatelic demands may be in any particular case, and the result of figurng on such demands may be a large stock of remainders, against which somebody will surely be found to demonstrate, no matter whether they be sold or burned.

The only way out of the difficulty seems to be the provision of large issues which will remain in use for many years without any change, and the keeping of large stocks on hand at all offices. But this would be almost an

invitaton to stamp thieves, and in case of large thefts there would be other difficulties to arise; besides that, it is not always possible on account of administrative change or difficulties.

The best advice to every body concerned, or believing to be concerned, seems to be: Keep cool and let things go their way, taking them as they are!

Stamps for a Wheel Chair

By Jos. W, Mullens

I was a good deal greener in stamp lore then than Scott's 1484 (1880) Die C, or a different tale would be recounted. I was teaching school at the time (1899) and belonged to a teacher's Reading Circle. A little crippled girl at Cincinnatti had published a request for stamps of any country in used condition, stating that when she got a million some kind gentleman would give her a wheel chair for them. The boys and girls in my school brought all the old stamps they could find at home, and each wrote to friends in other states for old stamps or new stamps, or anything—to help the little girl secure her chair We gathered 7,000, and among the bunch were two 24cent lilac Washington, one 20 cent green Saint Louis, and any number of old green three centers and 10 and 15 centers o f 30 years ago. We sent them to the little girl who soon afterward notified us with many thanks that a "kind Hebrew gentleman of Cincinnati had presented(?)" her with "a lovely wheeled chair. Just for the stamps your school sent." Soon afterwards, to aid some pupils who were collectors,a catalogue was ordered from Scott, and we learned to our chagrin that we could have sold the stamps and bought the child a nice residence and an annuity for life.

Moral: Save your old stamps. When charitably inclined,give current coin of the realm.

NEW STAMPS CAUSE TROUBLE.

Ottawa. — The two heads on the special Tercentenary issue of one cent stamps have caused a great deal of trouble to the Post Office Department. The first fad of the public was to cut the two-cent stamps in half and use one half on each letter, and the second, which is now in vogue, is that of using one-cent stamps on two-cent mail matter. The officials in the Post-Office Department have decided that as one cent is written on each corner of the stamps and there are two heads, the persons, forgetting that the stamp cost them only one cent, consider that it should carry the postal value of a two cent stamp.

Several readers have sent us specimens of a label issued in connection with the Franco British Exhibition now being held at London, England asking us if we can give them any information as to their status. These labels are simply advertisement labels, got up in the form of adhesive stamps, and issued by firms who have a stall or other interest in the Exhibition. They send these labels out on all their letters, invoices, etc., and are absolutely of no value whatever, and should not be collected as having any philatelic claims.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



Questions relative to stamps will be answeres in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included beside the fee above provided for.

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433. Who can tell the quantity of each denomination of the Canadian Tercentenary Jubilee issue? Were all values printed in the same quantity?

434. Where are the Stamps of Tunis printed? In Paris in the same office that prints the stamps of France and the French colonies.

435. What countries have until now issued Exposition or World's Fair stamps? The United States, Belgium, Spain and New Zealand. There are a good many more that have issued commemorative stamps which are not exposition stamps. Among them are the Argentine Rep , Porto Rico, Portugal and Colonies, Geramny, Switzerland, Netherlands, New Foundland etc. as one may easiily find by consulting any of the standard catalogs. Lately Canada has joined the ranks as indicated in query 433 above. A special collection of these stamps would be quite pretty and not particularly costly.

436. What countries have issued so called charity stamps? The Argentine Republic, Barbadoes, Great Britain, New South Wales, Roumania, Russia, Victoria; Portugal might also be included with its ranks for the Red Cross Society and Tuberculosis Society. Then there are others with charity stamps, but those are not postage stamps in any sense.

437 It is not best to collect used stamps only in order to avoid counterfeit? No. Counterfeiters can counterfeit the cancellation easier than the stamp, and very often a false cancellation is applied to cover defects in counterfeited stamps Of course, if you collect used stamps on the original cover only and make sure that they were really used on the covers on which you find them your plan will work all right. But you must remember that even stamps on covers are not always genuine.

438. Is it very hard to learn to detect counterfeits? Yes, and No. Some counterfeits are quite easy to detect, others are difficult, and some are very difficult to detect so that even experts of long experience may be uncertain. The latter cases are happily so rare, that they will hardly count with a beginner, who collects cheap stamps only. Stamps catalogued at 10 cents or less are rarely counterfeited, and if you do not go higher in your buying you have very little to fear. You should make yourself acquainted with the various processes of production: steel engraving, copper plate, lithograph, surface-printed etc , and you should try to get and study a book like Eary's "Album Weeds" Be careful from whom you buy, and try to study your stamps. You will never learn to detect counterfeits, unless you first learn to know genuine stamps. The danger from counterfeits is not so great as a good many think.

439. Is it true that the U. S. will soon issue a new set of postage stamps? I have not heard of any intention or preparation to that effect, yet we may expect that every 8, 10 or 12 years there will be a change, because the original dies are of limited durability, and after a certain number of rolls and plates has been made from them they will be worn, and new dies become a necessity. According to my estimate, we have about 4 to 6 years time,

before we shall be compelled to make room for a new issue. But then, we cannot know before hand what may happen.

440. Are the stamps of Morocco genuine? Yes, they are genuine local issues and were so used They are the following: Magazan-Morocco, Magazan-Marrakash, Tanger-Fez, Mogador-Morocco, Magador Marrakesh, Fez-Sefro, Tanger-Argila, Alkassar Ouassan, Tetuan-Chechuan, Fez Mequnez, Tanger-Tetuan, Tetuan-Alkassar, Tanger-Laroche, Demnat-Marrakest. Whether many of these stamps were used or not, and whether they were really necessary I do not know Possibly there is a little speculation behind some of them. Others purporting to have been made for the following lines are said to be purely speculative: Tanger-Alkassar, Saffi-Marrakesh, Mogador-Agador.

441. What were the U. S. newspaper stamps used for? They were used to denote the postage paid in cash on 2d class matter (newspapers) at the rate of 1 cent a pound and were affixed to the stubs in the post-office-receipt-book, the receipts (without stamps) going to the publisher The issue of 1865 was sold to the public, and the stamps were affixed to newspaper parcels same as other postage stamps. For some time (though short) the issue of 1865 was also sold. The issue of 1859 was sold after retirement the whole set of 12 stamps, 1 cent to $100.00 for $5 00. It is not illegal to have them.

442. Is it illegal to have in possession the U. S due stamps in an unused condition? Hardly illegal, but contrary to the rules of the postal department. Single copies here and there might get out by mistake but whole sheets of unused due stamps in the hands of private persons would either indicate theft or a sale contrary to postal rules. The official selling them would be punishable.

443. Have any of the U. S Columbian, Omaha, Boston, St. Louis or Jamestown exhibition stamps been reprinted? I think not, and I think in some cases it would be impossible to do so, because I think the plates, tools and dies were destroyed. Whether they were destroyed of all these issues I do not know

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STAMPS—NOTES OF CURRENT INTEREST.

British Papua, which forms a considerable portion of the huge islands in Australasia, known generally as New Guinea, has now a permanent design for its stamps, a penny variety having lately appeared, following on a fourpenny and a sixpenny. This design is distinctly effective, showing a river scene with a pair of native boats with their strangely shaped sails set. The new stamp is printed in black and carmine, the center being in the first colour.

From the same part of the Globe we have to note a change of colour in another lot of river scene labels, the, 13 and 8 Cents of Brunei. The first two are now green and carmine, and the 8 is in grey black and orange yellow. In this case we have a view of the native houses, which are built on piles in the river, just as the ancient inhabitants of this country used to construct their lake dwellings, the idea presumably being that the damp and discomforts attendant upon this form of architecture were worth enduring for the sake of the extra safety from attack which it gives. The foreground of the Brunei stamps is occupied by a native who is paddling a canoe in the Canadian fashion.—Hobbies.

FOREIGN REVENUE NOTES

By Oscar T. Hartmann

UP AND DOWN IN REVENUES.

Comparing prices in the catalogs of 1905 and 1909 and other smaller catalogs of special countries the shifting of prices is in some instances quite marked. The supply and demand are the factors like everything else in this world.

Under German Empire of 1871 the 22½ gr value, black numeral, jump from 10c to $1.00. The 3 mark of 1900 green, without date: den 18, to 80c, while the rest of values went down. I expect there will be change in all German where the stamp is the same, but new watermark paper is used. Stock Exchange 30 Mk from 60c to $1.20. Alssace Lorrane 2 fr 1871 Exchange from no price to $20 00. Bavaria 20 Mk 1882 still in use, dropped from 18c to 10c. Bremen declaration 1863 serpentine perf, 1 thaler now $20.00. Common tax 1899 the mark value went down about half price. Hesse-Darmstadt 100 Mk 1878 from $4.00 down to $3.00 All the early issues of Wurtemburg, Stutgard market tax from 1883 to 1896 still remains unpriced Under Austria the half kr (15 of one cent) values hold their own, but why a 20 gulden ($8.00) should be as low as 3c catalog I do not understand. They certainly must pay plenty of taxes on everything going from a match to a tax when you came home later than 10:00 p. m. to your apartment.

Argentine and its provinces with the 100 pages in the catalog leaves plenty of room for speculation and using your wits to estimate a stamp. I note a consular stamp went down from $1 00 to 30c. Also see the 100 peso valued at diff. places: $16 00, 3 60, 3 00, 6 20, etc. Then there are issues of which only 20, 30, 50, or 100 were issued. Not saying how many were actually used. Something unique is a tobacco stamp surcharged and then used for hat tax. Under Antigue you see the 5 sh go from $1 20 to $4 00 and the 10 sh from $3 00 to $10 00. In the Spanish Phillipines my personal sales have been wonderful. One stamp I have sold at 1c catalog, now 40c, another at 10c worth $2 00. The U S Phillipines underwent many changes The 1c Int. Rev. went from 5c to 30c and 1 peso 1899 from $6.00 down to $2.50 and many other values following suit. Another shifting of values will prove a deal I made A lot of Russian Rev. cat. about $4 00 in the old and in the new catalog about $180 00: but on the other I can record a lot of 30 stamps which have doubled 5 times in value. Peru, 50 sales 1866 from $10 00 down to $5 00 Persia dropped. A whole bunch of remainders must have come on the market. Portugal keeps us still guessing. Leeward Island has a record the 1 Pound from $1.50 to $6.00. So many new prices have been established, where prices were unknown, so that from now on a beginner will be guided by same. On the other hand, I am sorry because it deprives me of the pleasure of guessing the probable value

There is another curiosity to mention, a revenue made out of metal and used for 13 years in Vaud, Switzerland. But is this really to be considered? The impressed English lead stamps are mentioned but not catalogued. They have been in use for 20 years. They are very interesting, and in my opinion, a collectable revenue.

Stamps and Bad Practices

By J. W. H. Heslop of England

Any person who enters the arena of stamp selling quickly discovers the existence of defrauders. It is surprising how readily a buyer, whose integrity in all other departments of life is perfecty sound, will yet yield to the temptation which a sheet of fine copies of stamps presents to him. An immaculate copy, we will say, meets his eye on the sheet; he already possesses a specimen of it—but his own copy is far inferior in condition; to exchange the two stamps is but the work of a minute, the substitutor probably heaving a sigh of relief when the transference is complete. His collection is perhaps a few pence the richer, and his correspondent has suffered by being saddled with a stamp that may be unsaleable. It is a pity when this bad habit gets hold of a collector; it has an effect on himself which insiduously deteriorates his character; it also has some influence on the seller—it destroys confidence and creates suspicion over every transaction.

A good plan is to put an inconspicuous mark on the back of each stamp. Some photograph their stamps but many dealers know most of their stamps by sight and can tell when a copy has been exchanged The transgressor when discovered should not be spared. A sharp lecture may open his eyes to the meanness of his act, and often results in leading him to give up the practice. There is also the rascal who buys common stamps generously at the outset to inspire confidence and then asks for a large sending of rarities. After these are sent he is found to have changed his address and disappeared. It is usually easy however to detect such a rogue by his handwriting, his notepaper, and his address.

The question of prices occasions some trouble at times. The prices of the big firms are fixed and invariable, a fact which must save them a good deal of worry and correspondence; but an amateur seller is often supposed to be open to a reduction, if pressure is put upon him towards that end. Thus a buyer will write for sheets, and then make a bid of, say, 75c for $3 00 worth of stamps sent, the stamps being in his possession meanwhile. Whereupon ensues a correspondence which is usually neither happy in its course or in its results. The idea prevails among many buyers that the price of the stamps sent them can be considerably reduced by the mere saying; often, indeed the seller purposely adding 25 per cent to the price when sending, anticipating the demand for a reduction which he is then prepared to meet. But if such a condition of affairs were to become universal it would be a drag on both buying and selling. Fixed prices are the ideal; let them be as low as possible at the outset, but let there be no doubt as to their being unalterable. Occasionally people who practice this method of "beating down" find themselves hoist with their own petard. For example, a sheet of stamps was offered to a collector for $4 00 net. The collector bid $3 00, which offer was refused. A 2nd sheet was thereupon sent, priced $5 00. The seller, having learned the way of things, was actually prepared to accept $3.00—its exact value, by the way—and fully expected to receive such an offer by an early post. But his customer evidently took for granted that any lower would be useless and bought the stamps at the marked prices. Success does not always depend upon "selling cheap" and stamp firms whose prices are highest, do the most business. The customer who wants things cheaply often buys sparingly, but where price is a secondary matter, buyers make generous purchases usually—this may be the secret of it.—COLLECTOR.

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The following applications for membership have been received during the month:

169. G. H. Fabian, 3137 Evergreen Ave,. Brooklyn, N. Y. Proposed by L. T. Brodstone.

170. Geo. E. Anthonisz, Havelock Town, Colombo, Ceylon. Commission Agent, proposed by R J. Mundell.

171 Joesph E Mueller, Adv Solicitor, 252 Graham Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., Pro. by L. T. Brodstone.

172. John J. Coates, Stamp Dealer, 19 Borough High St., London Bridge, S. E. Pro. by L. T. Brodstone.

173. Karl Wolff, 142 Walnut St. Winnipeg, Man. Ref. J. Hooper, Pro. by R. J. Mundell

It will be noticed that the C. P. S. benefits from Mr. Brodstone's sojourn in the Old Country, may he be able to repeat his trip often and soon.

I hope to be in a position to report more new members whose applications have been secured through the efforts of the few who are taking an active interest in the welfare of our Society. We have succeeded in clearing our list of many undesirable members and it is up to us to keep our sheet clean from now on.

If you have a collectng friend,send him an application or refer his name to R. J. Mundell, Sec'y, Montreal.

From the Phil. World we learn that the Lusitania was the first ship to carry mail from America to England under the new letter rate of 2 cents an ounce. She had 2000 mail bags instead of 800 to 1000 as usual under the old rate. The Augusta Victora was the first ship to carry the mail with penny postage from England to America. She sailed from Southampton on the 2nd of October. It is not stated how many bags she carried. The Stamp Coll Fortnightly quotes a post official saying that not much of a change is to be expected under the penny rate, except between Ireland and the States in the correspondence between emirgants and their relatives and friends. The service is elastic enough though to handle most any amount of increase, as it has demonstrated at Christmas and New Year, when there is a tremendous increase every year.—(Dorpat).

Mr. Gaston Hazan of Tunis informs us that on the 20th of Sept. the following Tunisian stamps were issued surcharged:
15c grey, surcharged 10c red; 1 fr. olive green, surcharged 35c red;
2 fr. lilac, " 40c blue; 5 fr. violet " 75c blue;
the envelope and letter card of 15c (grey, blue or violet) surcharged 10c red.
The post card bearing this formation was prepaid by a 10 on 15c.

The Editor "The Philatelic West":

We wish to call your attention, and that of the philatelic public, to the fact that fraudulently perforated copies of the United States 2c green Navy error are on the market, and have recently been advertised and offered at prices ridiculously low, compared with the value of the genuine. It appears that some of the well known imperforate greens have been perforated and sold as the genuine regular error. These imperforates have sold in recent years, as "space fillers" for the perforated stamp, at around $10 00 each, which appears to be about their actual market value.

Noticing, recently, that fine copies of the perforated Navy error were being offered at $2 50 each which we ourselves would be glad to pay for a fine specimen, and knowing that the really fine copies, as well as practically all the others, of our own original lot, had long since been absorbed into collections, and believing the same to be true of the lot, afterward discovered by Mr C. F. Rothfuchs in Washington, and knowing, also, that the lot of imperforates existed, we began investigation of the matter.

As a result, the vender who advertised these stamps has admitted to us that his copies were perforated by a well known stamp reparer.

When taxed with the matter, the party who offered us these stamps gave us the excuse that he understood that most of those on the market had been produced by perforatng imperforates, and to us his contention seemed to be that, as long as others were making "easy" money in this way, he did not see why he should not get his share of the plunder. It is to this intimation, that other dealers also have been quietly selling these fakes, that we wish to draw additional attention.

We are acquainted with the characteristics of the imperforates, are able to pronounce upon them, and shall be glad to examine and give our opinion, free of charge, upon any 2c green Navy errors urchased by collectors within the past few years, which are sent us for examination. We request that all stamps sent us for examination be marked on the back by the owner for identification, in order that there may be no question as to our returning the same stamps.

October 9, 1908. F. Putney, Jr., Mgr. S. S. & C, Co,

Tasmania. Since April last a new variety of the handsome sixpenny stamp, with a view of Dilsont Falls, has been current in Tasmania. It is watermarked crown and double lined A, and perforated II, the colour having been altered to rose red. The label in question has a curious resemblance to the famous stamp of Jamaica, which has a view of Llandovery Falls This design enabled the philatelic world a year or two ago to enjoy a joke at the expense of the editor of a well known journal in South Wales, who anxiously inquired whatever could have induced the Jamaican artist to select "a bit of Welsh scenery" as a suitable subject for his stamp. It did not occur to him that there are two Llandovery Falls, one in Wales and one in Jamaica, and that it was the latter which appears on the stamp.

Mr. Eustaquio Pellicer of Buenos Aires writes that on the 26th of August Uruguay issued three new stamps of the value of 1, 2 and 5 centavos. The colors are red and black, green and black, and yellow and black respectively. With this information comes the new 15c green of Arg. Rep.

Beginner's Department--Brazil

By L. G. Dorpat

(Continued from last issue).

The later issues are not known as counterfeited at all, and we may therefore conclude by saying with Mr. Vieira, "Brazil may be specialized as we say in philatelic language without much fear of the counterfeiter. This is certainly one consolation at a time when everything is falsified." One drawback for the collectors in the United States is that comparatively few Brazilian stamps come to this country, unless expressly imported for collectors, there being much less traffic between the two republics than might be wished for.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

This republic occupies all the eastern slope of the Andes south of Bolivia and that strip of land included by the rivers La Plata, Parana and Uruguay. Formerly the Spanish viceroyalty of Buenos Ayres occupied the same territories and also those of Bolivia Paraguay and Uruguay. Another name for the Argentine Republic is "United Provinces of the Rio de la Plata". After Brazil it is the largest and most important of the South American Republics. The Andes in the west contain peaks of more than 20,000 feet height; on the east is an extensive seacoast with numerous harbors, formed by indentations of the Atlantic ocean or by the many rivers that flow in an easterly or a southeasterly direction from the Andes to the Atlantic. The inhabitants number about 3 million, whose chief employment is farming and herding, there being about 2 inhabitants to the square mile. Under such conditions it is hardly to be expected that all the resources of the country are even known, much less utilized. The climate is warm temperate almost tropic in some parts, very productive where there is sufficient moisture, but varies much according to location. There are dry salt and sand deserts with hardly any vegetation and again regions with vegetation as luxuriant as may be wished for, and more too. Nearly all kinds of minerals have been found, many precious stones and coal oil, but mining seems to be little developed and not at all to the liking of the gaucho; it seems though that a greater development is near at hand.

The population consists of whites from all parts of Europe, Spanish predominating, Indians and Negroes, with all kinds of mixed descendants; immigration from Spain, France, England, Germany and Switzerland, and especially from Italy, has been and is yet going on, giving the whole mass of Argentinians more and more a character similar to that of the United States of North America. In cities there is a fair provision for general education, but on the farms (some of which are very large), on the Pampas (or Prairies, where cattle, sheep and mule raising is the main occupation) and among the wild Indians (of which there are yet many thousands) education is very primitive and schools are almost unknown.

Buenos Ayres was one of the first Spanish settlements, 1535, is now a city of about 400,000 inhabitants, a center of power, industry, commerce and education. It is the capital both of the republic and of the province or state of Buenos Ayres. It might be called the New York, Boston, Chicago and Washington of Argentina combined. We shall later have occasion to refer to this note, when we consider the stamps of this city and province.

Cordova and Corricutes are other provinces which for a time had their own stamps. Cordova is about in the center of the republic. Corricutes is between Paraguay and Uruguay.

The history of Argentina (another name given the Argentine Republic) from the earliest times up to recent year is hardly anything, but a history of wars. The earliest discovery was made by Juan Diaz de Soles in 1509. In 1527 the first settlement was made by Sebastian Cabot then in Spanish service at San-Espiritu. Difficulties with the Indians arose almost instantly and continued to the present day. In 1620 the "Gobieruo del Rio de la Plata" was separated from the government of Peru Under the Spanish restrictions of commerce between colonies progress was much retarded, and smuggling was resorted to, resulting in a state of conditions that resembled continuous war. In 1776 the La Plata became independent of the administration of Peru; at about the same time the restrictions of commerce were lessened and progress promised to make greater strides than before; but at the same time war with the Portuguese began to drain the country In the beginning of the 19th century (1806) Bueno Ayres was for a short time occupied by the English In 1810, when Spain got under French (Napoleon's) control, the Argentinians declared their independence of the new rulers in Spain. but still remained loyal to their old sovereign, Ferdinand VII. In 1816, however, after Fredinand had proven unworthy of their confidence, as they thought, they declared total independence, July 9, and soon received the acknowledgement of England. The first constitution was framed Dec. 24, 1826, and Rivadavia was the first president. Meanwhile there was war with Paraguay and Uruguay, who had separated from Argentina. There were two parties in the country, one striving for union, the other for mere confederation of the several states In 1838 Buenos Ayres became blockaded by the French. Under the general Rosa (1828-1852) and Urquiza (1840 1862) the country suffered much from civil war and was even for a time disrupted. General Mitre restored union and peace, but this lasted a very short time only In 1864 Paraguay commenced war against Argentina, which lasted until 1870. In the same year the murdering of Urquiza caused another civil war, that lasted until 1873. Since then the central government has been gaining strength, the rebellions and disturbances have become shorter and weaker, and the prospect for the country became better and safer. When the first issue of stamps was made, the federal party under Urquiza was on top and the name of the political body was "Confederation Argentina." This was changed and the present name assumed when General Mitre gained victory over Urquiza in 1861 and the union of the political body became more confirmed.

The national colors of Argentina are blue, white, blue. The flag consists of three horizontal stripes of these colors. The national arms are a red ilberty cap on a golden pike wreathed with laurel and two grasping hands of truce and friendship below. We find a representation of the arms on the first two issues of stamps, and again on the issue of 1899.

It is to be regretted that South American stamps in general have received less attention from philatelists than those of the United States, Europe and the British Colonies, and that consequently many points regarding them remain in doubt. I find it sometimes very difficult to obtain the desired information.

(To be continued).

Kohls Illustrated Katalog and Brefmarken Handbook.

8. Edition. 1908 REVIEWED BY L. G. DORPAT.

Here we have a book which is certainly "on time", or rather ahead of time. It contains 1484 pages text and 42 pages advertisements of albums and other useful philatelc articles including 6 pages of philatelic literature. The page is 4¼ x 6¼ inches. The illustrations throughout are good although of reduced size. All countries are arranged alphabetically, but, of course, the German names are used, as the whole work is written in the German language. It treats adhesive stamps only, has a special heading for each kind, as general issues, local issues, due stamps, newspaper stamps etc., and the numberiug for each kind begins with 1. There are much fewer numbers here than in most other catalogs, because all varieties of any stamp are given under one number. There is no other catalog though that gives more varieties than this one. Yet the arrangement is so clear and perspicuous—often in tabular form—that any one who can but read German can easily understand all and can quickly find anything he may look for. Under the stamp illustrations there is usually the name of the subject portrayed. There are copious notes and explanations, and these are as a rule short and to the point. Under the heading of Vereinigte Staaten von Nord Amirika (U. S. of N. A) the government reprints are not mixed up with the general issues, but are given together under a separate heading. On 18 pages of Addenda and Corrections the latest news and issues are included, so as to bring the work down nearly to the end of the present year (1908). In the front of the book there is an index and a number of valuable explanatory remarks, also a list of journals from which information was drawn. Everything is about as thorough, exact and plain, as it possibly can be made.

CATALOGUE DE TIMBRES-FISCAUX PAR A. FORBIN—YVERT & TELLIER. 2d Ed. 1909. Reviewed by L. G. Dorpat

This is a book of 74 pages 4⅛ x 6¾ inches and a decided improvement over its predecessor, better paper, better printing, better binding, and all that for nearly half the price that was asked for the first edition three years ago To the U. S and its possessions 48 pages are devoted under the heading: Consulates, Documents, Playing Cards Proprietary, New York Stock Transfer Tax, Timbres Prives, Match, Canned Fruit Stamps, Medicine Stamps, Timbres Generaux pour Impots Divero, Beer Stamp, Custom House, Timbres D' Etats, Alabama, California, Attorney at Law, Bills of Lading, Bills of Exchange, Insurance, Passenger, State revenue, Louisiana, Cotton, Lottery Stamp, Law Stamp, Nevada, Oregon, Poll Tax, Colonies Americaines, Phillipine, Customs, Documentary, Giro, Int. Revenue, Sello, Porto Rico, Excise Revenue, Int. Rev. These headings are in part a little queer, and, beer stamps are included why not Tobacco stamps? In the first edition they were, also some others that are now omitted. Then, why are the New York State stamps included under the general issues and not under the state issues? Nevertheless the book is quite valuable and we may welcome it as the only one of its kind. There are catalogs which cover the stamps of one country or of a group, but as far as I know at this writing there is no other catalog covering the revenues of all countries of the entire world. Though written in Frencht will be easy for everybody to understand it readily, at least most of it. Collectors of foreign reveunes can hardly afford to be without it. Catlaogs for sale by Ararat Stamp Co., N. Y., Gilbert & Kohler of Paris, France.

Speculation in Stamps

By Rev. J. H. Heslop of England

Much has been written on the wonderful opportunities that stamp collecting affords, but the other side of the subject seldom receives public attention. For the last three or four years there has been a demand for these stamps that was practically a craze; those whose business it was to sell have declared there never was anything like it in the whole history of philately.

It has been computed that several thousand complete and valuable collections of these stamps have been formed in Great Britain alone. But at the present moment there are signs that the demand is slackening, and the situation is fraught with some anxiety since in some quarters there are rumours of a surfeit.

It is strange that the general opinion has all along been that most of these stamps were "hard to get" and scarce, and that such as were available might be viewed as excellent property, with a splendid prospect before them. Only such a view of things can account for the rush and the boom of 1903 05; the arena was full of prizes, and of course everybody was on the alert. Many a stamp was secured which today is worth double or treble the price it then cost, but on the other hand there are stamps that were gathered with feverish fingers in 1905 which are still on issue, and are neither scarce nor likely to be.

Towards the end of 1907 duplicate collections of King's heads began to appear on the market in quick succession, and the fact became gradually revealed that certain issues were plentiful enough to be practically superfluous. Numbers of amateur investors found themselves in possession of small stocks for which there was no immediate market, some kinds indeed were found difficult to get rid of at cost price.

There may be fortunes in stamps, occasionally. The collector who stumbles across a rare stamp, or makes an investment that brings a forty-fold return, may be forgiven if he talks about his good fortune, but the ninety nine others who fail in a similar venture are usually silent about it. A collection of stamps is seldom worth more than it originally cost till some few years have elapsed. The few stamps that fly straight to high figures are scarce, and none save a diligent student of philately can forestall their rise. The moral of which is, let stamps be collected for the love of the game, and let the matter of profit be shelved as a remote probability.

The Austrian Jubilee issue has been surcharged with the respective values in Para and Piastres for the use of Austrian offices in Turkey. The 5, 10 and 20 piastres are listed with various perforations 9 to 12½. Two Austrian Postal Cards are also announced, with a large portrait of the Kaiser Franz Joseph and views of the Hofburg (Vienna) and the Palace (Schonbrum). The stamp on the other side is a reproduction of the 30 heller adhesive with value changed to 5 heller. One card has the stamp in the upper right corner, the other one has it at the top in the middle of the card. The portrait side of the card is printed from a copper plate. The stamp side is surface printed. The views on the card with stamp in the middle represent the Hradschin (imperial quarter of Prague) and Prague with the Molden bridge. This card is commemorative of the Prague exposition. The portrait side on both cards is printed in black, the stamp side in green.

"Supposed to Contain Dutiable Matter"

By H. W. Boers

In the September issue of the WEST I noticed an article by Dorpat regarding the above matter. The writer complains about the way parcels of stamps addressed to him are held up sometimes four days before he can get them, being stamped "Supposed to contain dutiable matter."

In this regard I would like to say a few things myself. I receive stamps from many foreign countries, many go through without any trouble, but do find this principle among letters that are registered, and are bulky, giving an appearance of containing goods subject to duty, then the party to whom it is addressed is notified. This is according to postal law.

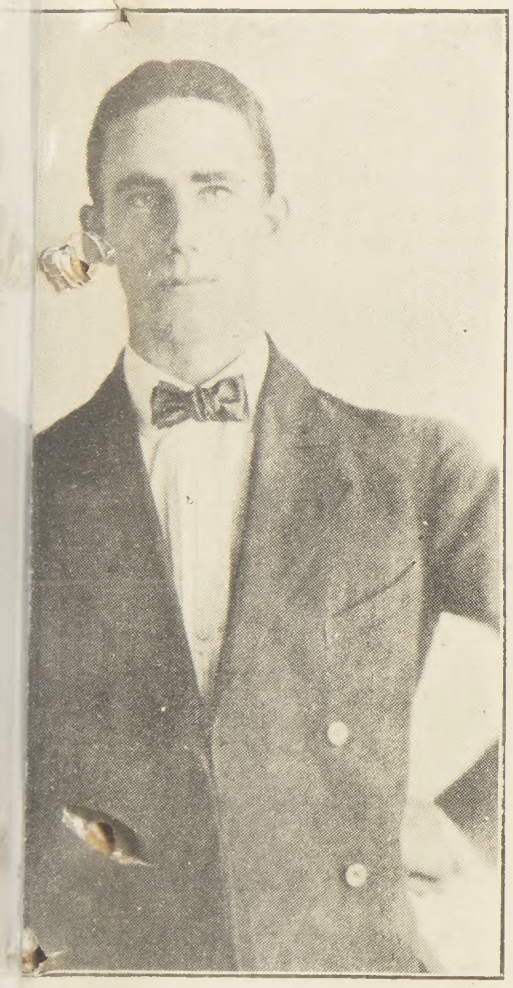
But I must say I have never been held up four days and cannot understand how Mr. Dorpat could be. When he recieves his notification card he is supposed to call at the postoffice. This shows that the parcel is ready for delivery and can be demanded at once. Only last week I got a notification of a letter at the postoffice. It was addressed to my home. The following morning I went to the registry department with my card. The clerk in charge called the revenue officer who came from upstairs and was handed the parcel. He asked me what it contained, and I told him "Old postage stamps." Why he didn't stop a moment but simply handed them over to me, without a word said. Of course I am known as a collector of stamps and get these frequently and they know from the outside address of sender they contain stamps.

Mr. Dorpat no doubt is well known as a collector, and I cannot see why he should be held up four days, while I can get my mail in a few hours after I get the card, and out Detroit postoffice handles more mail matter by far than Mr Dorpat's office. West publisher was held up for over a week because no custom officer lives here, and has to be sent to the city.

I don't know where it would benefit him to ask the philatelic societies to cooperate and write to the postmaster general to instruct the postmaster that stamps are not subject to duty. Let the postmaster familiarize himself with those things at his office. Of course it is annoying to have to wait four days, but here and other larger cities a few hours would settle this thing for the time. The notification is written and the party gets the card, and then it is up to him to go to the postoffice and claim it.

Have you ever received a letter from a foreign country marked "supposed to contain matter liable to duty," and have you had to open that letter and let the postmaster send it away to some other postmaster to submit it to a revenue officer for examination? If so, then you will wish that your postmaster should have authority to pass stamps as non-dutiable and to let you have the letter at once after he has examined it This is another matter for a petition.—Dorpat.

Mr. John Lee Clarke of Albuquerque, N. M., sends out an Exchange Auction list in which he describes a number of curios, such as Indian bows and arrows, boomerangs, old flint lock guns, etc., for which he solicits offer of postage stamps in exchange. His prices for the several articles offered range from 50 cents to $10.50.





ICE, San Antonio, Tex. P. NILES MARTIN, Mauritius Is. Both have ads in this issue.





E. HAYES, Toledo, Ohio, read his ad. H. S. ADAIR, new A. P. S. sec'y Columbus, Ohio.



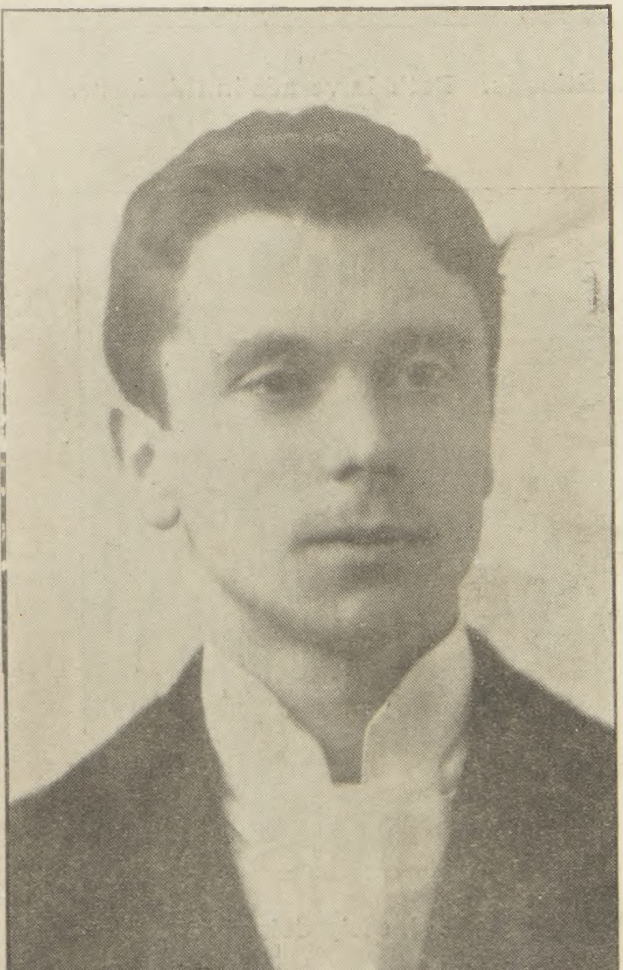


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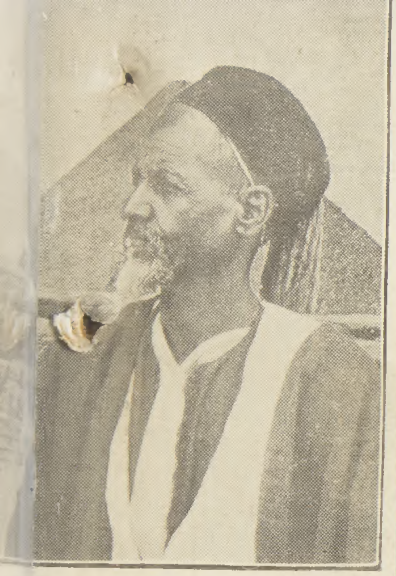
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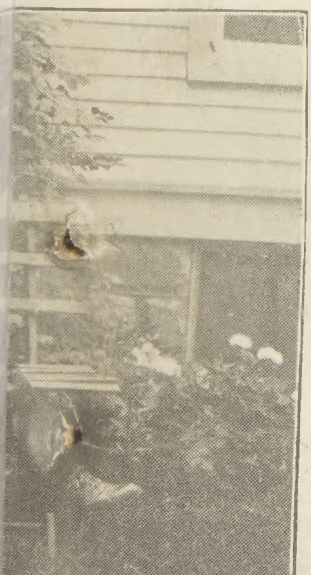


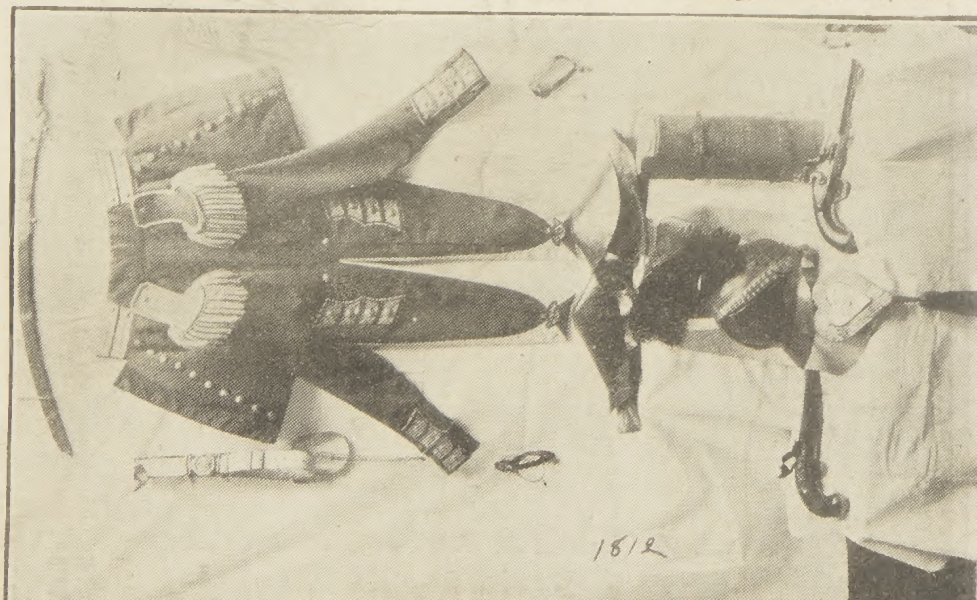
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Corner of Pat Ryan's Curio Store, Omaha, Nebr.

Uniform of Troop Captain, U. S. War of 1812. Property of W. Lathrop, Sunderland, Vermo



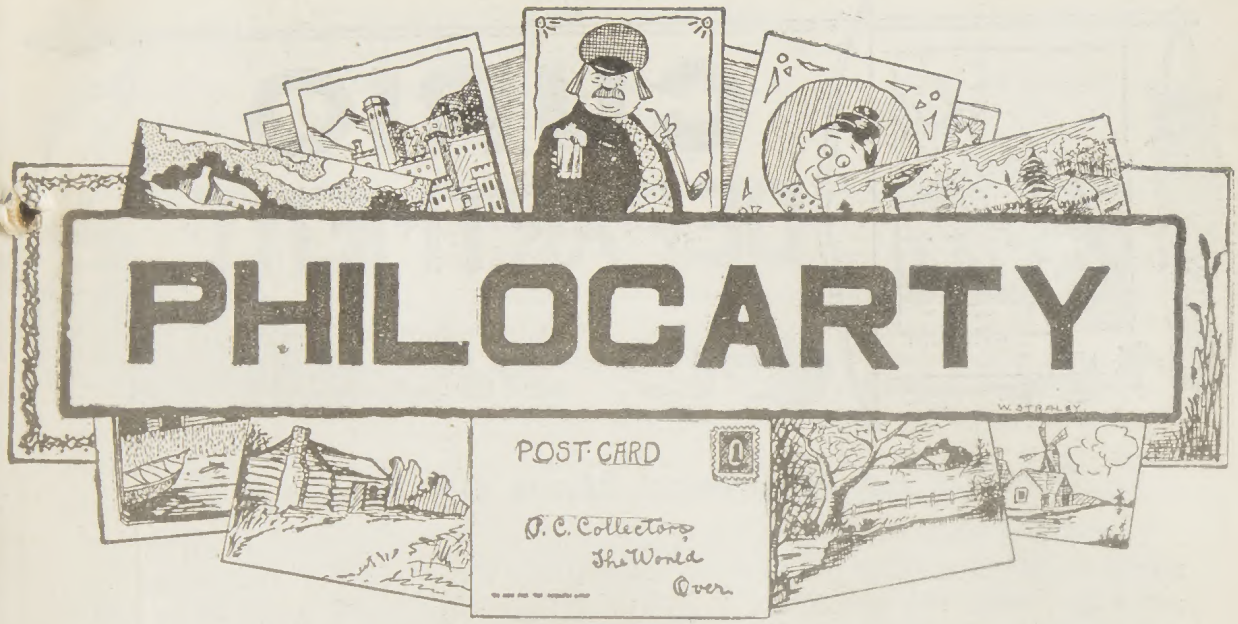






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LYMAN H. LOW, New York City
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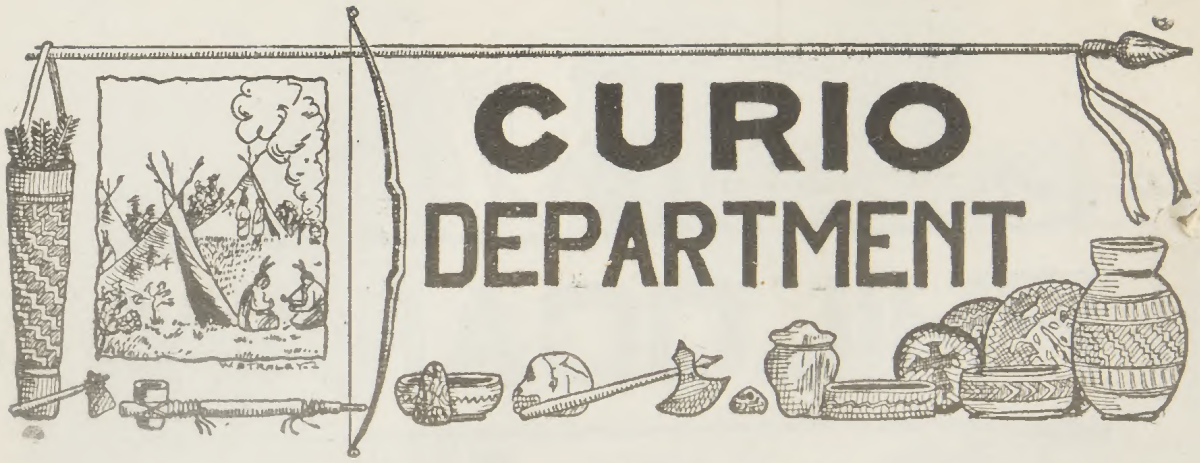


From Cologne we see love'y cards; boarding the Rhein steamer, one goes on to the most beautiful stream in the world, thronging with memories, pregnant with history. The Lorelei, the Seven Mountains, the ruined Drachenfels, Coblentz with its recollections of Marcean, Ehrenbreitstein, Bingen Mainz, all pass as in a dream framed as they are in green hillsides, blossoming orchards and purple vineyards all in keeping with the mood thus engendered. Thus will be the quiet visit to the Castle of the Wartburg in the forest of Thueringia, interesti g in itself as the oldest of German castles but having an added interest for all lovers of Taunhauser.

From Bavaria are seen cards of interest from Munich, and from Innsbruck Austrian Tyrol are seen cards both picturesque and historical. Proceeding by the beautiful mountain pass, the Brenner and other scenes, we come to cards from Italy, showing Venice, St. Mark's, the Ducal Palace, the Piazza, the Grand Canal, everything with the glow of that wonderful aspect in scenery not easily surpassed elsewhere, but superb in old Italy.

The church of Maria della Salute too where we shall find Titian's great painting commemorating the plague of 1512. Milan and its cathedral, its Leonardoda Vinci, its Raphael, the Ospedale Magiore.

Views are seen up the Lakes of Como, Lugano and Magiore through the famous St. Gotthard, which tunnels into Switzerland. Here we see the famous Alps and mountain peaks renowned the world over. I will not go into detail about them, it would be too lengthy and so much has been said about them in foregoing articles that I need not dwell upon such at present. From Paris are seen views both new and old from the Hotel de Ville, St. Louis' Palais de Justice, the Tuileries, the Rue de Rivoli and Notre Dame the noble cathedral wherein barrels of gunpowder were placed during the siege of Paris by Germans in 1871. Column and place vendome, the famous bridge "Pont Neuf" are among other views from Paris.



Relics of Ancient Man of England

There is something extremely fascinating in the collecting of relics of ancient man, and those peoples who were living on this earth thousands of years ago, when the world was in an almost unformed state, when what are now large tracts of cultivated land, dotted over with cities and towns, were vast swamps, and great streams, the mud deposits of which afterwards covered up the relics of those primitive people then living on their borders. What is termed the Stone Age is the first stage in this world's existence in which relics of man are found. In our own country, under the London of today, the earliest implements are found some seventy feet below the surface. These relics consist of rudely formed flint celts and hammers and tools made from bones of extinct animals.

Then followed a later period which has been termed the Neolithic, or newer stone age. It would appear as if quite a long period had elapsed between the two periods, for the tools found on the levels which were then the surface land are formed much more carefully, and some are beautifully chipped and shaped. Of course, the first implements of man were the defensive and offensive. They were needed in contest with the denizens of the forest by which they were surrounded, and no doubt by necessity their wits were sharpened and thus they acquired skill in the use of their weapons. As tribes were formed, they engaged in warfare with one another, and the arrows and spears, first shaped from instincts of defence, were used in warfare between themselves. The spears, first of simple form, were afterwards finely shaped, and in course of time from these simple weapons devolved implements of utility. So knives were fashioned, and even rude saws with which to cut wood and horns taken from the stags and other animals killed in the chase were made. As time went on, the implements of primitive man became more varied, and here and there hooks were fashioned very much like our sickles today.

The handles of the tools, at first rough pieces of stag's horn or tree, were decorated much as the savage peoples in the few uncivilised quarters of the globe today shape them. Again there are relics of primeval man, pieces of bone with the heads of animals carved on them, evidently intended as handles. All these objects are very interesting, so many thousands of years old. They may be be met with in England, in France and other parts of Europe. Indeed, strange to say, the specimens coming from Europe, Amer-

ica, and Asia differ very little, showing that primitive man arrived at similar conclusions wherever his location might be Then there are large flints called scrapers, and curiously shaped tools evidently used by the makers of the finer chipped implements. Then there are choppers, and flint discs for sling stones, which latter are fairly common. The triangular implements, found at Herne Bay, are curious, and show some development in the latter portion of the Age.

The collector attaches great value to his arrow heads, which command better prices than any other flint implements. There are many types of heads, several of which were found in Ireland, others near Wallingford in the Thames Valley It will be noticed that these were fashioned so as to be fixed firmly at the end of the arrow, or light javelin of which they sometimes formed the tip The barbed heads are the scarcest and when found are often injured. somtimes one or both of the barbs being broken off; doubtless many of these were in actual use and had either been lost or thrown away as worthless A beautifully shaped spear of almost transparent flint was found some years ago not far from Wallingford; another, shaped like a knife, has a keen cutting edge, and when in the hands of a skilful savage would be a very formidable weapon. Similar knives have been found in Denmark and also in France. Some of the Danish knives, or long pointed spears, have delicately cut teeth all along the edges, giving them a similar appearance to the daggers made of sharks' teeth, so commonly used a few years ago by the South Sea islanders.

Reference has been made to the discoveries of decorated bone implements in Kent's Cavern and other parts of England. The owner of one of these curiously decorated objects, was skilled beyond his fellows and occupied his leisure time, he had plenty of it, in ornamenting the handle of his knife or dagger. One of these was discovered in Moorfields, and is now in the London Guildhall Museum. The ornaments on it are described as "double ring or dot," and there are remains of a circular opening in the head of the implement also visible. The curious handle which is now in the British Museum, is made of reindeer horn and is said to be a javelin, the work of a palaeolithic man, found some years ago in France. The eye of the animal which it is intended to represent appears to have been drilled with a pointed flint. Relics of a later period are sometimes met with in barrows and prehistoric mounds, as well as in the lower strata opened up in excavating for drains or for foundations of buildings, and these are interesting, showing developments. Flint implements are by no means expensive, and the young collector could easily gather a selection of these relics of prehistoric man, and from them can conjure up in his mind the habits of his early ancestors, forming some idea of the way in which they lived, remembering always the difference in the England of today and that of those far off ages.—

A BROWNING MUSEUM.

A new object of interest will henceforth be presented to American visitors to Florence in Barrett Browning, son of Robert and Elizabeth Browning, who puts into execution his project of forming a Browning museum. It is reported that he has purchased Casa Guidi and has collected all the pictures and books of his father and his mother that he could, besides the furniture which Browning sent back to England after his wife's death.

The Burial of an Indian Chief

By Jos. W. Mullins, Roswall, N. M.

The following account of a Comanche chief's obsequies was related by Juan de Dios Garcia, who has lived in New Mexico for more than 80 years

"I do not know exactly what year I was born, but was eleven years old when Indians killed my parents and the Catholic church took me to raise. At the time of which I speak in regard to the Indian chief's burial, I was a man about 20 years of age, and the treaty of Guadeloupe de Hidalgo (Feb. 2, 1848) had been signed and we were told that we must look to the Americans for protection instead of Mexico. Col J M Washington was the military governor of New Mexico, and we believed him to be a son of George Washington.

"There had been bad feelings for a long time between the Apache tribes of N. M and the Comanches of Texas There were a number of white men (refugees)among the Comanches,and these incited the raid of which I speak.

"A battle had been fought and the Comanches had come off victorious, but one of their big chieves had been killed by an arrow and they retired toward their own lands for the burial. I was herding sheep in a valley in the eastern part of what is now San Miguel county, near the Canadian river. A bunch of Comanches took me prisoner, and we journeyed two days, when we reached a place called by the Indians "Coo-nu vaugh" Here they halted, and began to celebrate the funeral rites. The body of the dead chief was laid on a pile of stones. His three horses were led up and shot and placed beside him on the ground The squaws and old men had been left at Coonuvaugh,and the squaws began to pound parched corn and buffalo (dried) meat into a dish called "to-ly" great pots of which they set around the dead chief, some on the ground and some in the bier beside him. Certain of these would fall down beside the bier and weep and pull their hair. These I took to be his wives. His bow and arrows, three lances, a "bolo" (rawhide thong to which is fastened a stone), three or four American butcher knives, and a cap and ball musket were placed about him in the bier.

"Some of the braves had killed a buffalo and the squaws roasted great pieces of the fresh meat, and had prepared numerous pots of parched corn bread. The feasting and dancing lasted all night, I being allowed to mingle freely with the Indians and to eat with the rest, but not to go to sleep. Just before dawn they began to pile wood and stones upon the dead body. At daybreak a torch was applied, and after assuring themselves that the pyre would be consumed the Indians mounted their horses, and squaws, prisoners and all, and rode off to the Texas plains. They had 200 ponies as booty and a number of scalps. These last they attached to their belts and some fastened them to their spears. I remained a captive about 16 months, when a troop of Texas rangers dispersed the bunch of braves by which I was held, in a fight on Clear Fork of the Broyos. A number of squaws and myself were taken prisoners. The squaws were sent somewhere, and I was turned over to the captain of a freighting caravan which hauled onions from El Paso to Central Texas towns. I was away from home nearly three years, Capt. John Calhoun being the civil governor named soon after I returned from Texas. The Comanches did not invade the mountainous parts of New Mexico again until the breaking out of the Civil War.

"I am an old man now (nearly 90) but I would like to know if there is anything in Coonuvaugh mesa to remind one of the Comache chief's burial."



EDITOR S NOTE The editor of this department would like to receive papers, magazines, books, etc. dealing with the subjects of Archeology and Conchology for review; also would appreciate clippings or accounts of discoveries along the lines of Indian relics and shells. Proper credit will be given. Address, W. Straley. Nelson, Nebr.

While in conversation recently with Mr. Edward Portwood of this city he said that several years ago while plowing in a field in the north part of the county he unearthed a snake skin filled with red ochre. No doubt this skin of "war paint" was either lost or hidden by some warrior while passing through the country years ago.

Mr E. E. Blackman, archeologist of the Nebraska State Historical Society, visited Nelson, (Neb.) September 28, in the interest of his department. He got acquainted with the amateur archeologists of the village and spent several hours looking over their several collections; especially examining specimens found in Nuckolls county. In the afternoon, in company with Mr. Ritterbush and the writer, he went over an old camp or village site about a mile west of town. But, as the locality is planted to corn this year nothing definite could be seen or learned. His visit wasn't so profitable in the way of material, but he succeeded in getting seven new active members for the Historical Society and left promising to visit us again in the near future.

A relic of great interest and historical value was on exhibition at the Old Settlers' picnic held in this city on Wednesday. It was the end of the Broken Indian Bow which this city was named after. This Indian bow was found in the canyon just northeast of the city by Wilson Hewitt nearly 30 years ago, and just at the time when he was endeavoring to find a name for the new postoffice. It suggested the name and on its recommendation the department at Washington designated this postoffice as "Broken Bow." This old Indian relic laid around the Hewitt dugout for a long time, and with the exception of one piece, was burned up. Mrs. C. D. Pelham, now of Chesterton, Indiana, who in those days resided on an adjoining homestead, secured this piece of the bow and has treasured it up all these years. On her recent visit to this city Mrs. Pelham promised to send it to E. R. Purcell, secretary of the Old Settlers' association, that it might be preserved in the city which bears its name. The relic was on exhibition at the picnic last Wednesday and was viewed with great interest by a large number of people.—Custer County Chief.

Address of Lyman H. Low, at Phila., Pa.

Gentlemen of the American Numismatic Association:

I propose to occupy a few moments of your time with some personal reminiscences and a few suggestions, in the hope that they may prove, if not entertaining, possibly of some benefit. But I must first express my great gratification at meeting so many who have been interested in matters which have concerned me for the greater part of my life. My pleasure in this direction has heretofore been limited to the occasional visits of friends at my place of business, and the meetings at coin sales. Today so many familar faces greet me that I am almost overwhelmed; my cup is full.

Coins first attracted my attention in 1856. The fever continued possibly for a year, and then other subjects engrossed me, doubtless from lack of congenial companionship, for I knew but one collector, and it was he who inspired me. I had not then learned of a dealer, though Henry Cook of Boston—my native place—was engaged in the business, at that time. The summit of joy was reached and my Eldorado found at the toll house on the Boston side of Chelsea Ferry, where I made weekly visits on Saturday afternoons, and looked over a box of odd pieces. It was the custom of the tollman to accept anything having the resemblance of a coin. If it proved to be something else than a piece of U. S. mintage, it was thrown into this box. Nothing of special importance was ever secured, for my knowledge was limited, and my pocket-book small. My recollections are that Connecticut Cents, Hard Times Tokens, and an occasional Store-card composed the bulk of my treasures. It seems worthy of comment that I never found a Half Cent! I think it may be regarded as certain that they never were in circulation in the New England States. When the Civil War came on, I took my collection to a State Street broker, and sold it for $5 00. I have never forgotten my first small accumulation.

During the War more important matters demanded my time, and in the years which followed until 1878, the subject was dormant. In that year, when a commercial traveller, I was sojourning in the West, in the Mississippi, just below St. Paul. Many foreign copper and silver coins were in circulation in that community, and I soon found myself making a collection of the various kinds I met with. By this means I became acquainted with three collectors in the town, and their hords were sufficient to rekindle the flame of twenty years previous. My ardor was thoroughly aroused, and the interest I took was intense! I dreamed and talked of coins incessantly; but I soon became rational, and launched into the subject in sober earnest. Almost immediately I began to sell as well as purchase. The captures, whether of pieces or of customers, were not large or important. In the fall of 1879, after returning to New York from one of my trips, I passed the old store of Bangs & Co., on Broadway, opposite Astor Place, and read the bulletin at the door. "Coin Sale today." A few brisk steps took me up to the spacious rooms where the coins of the late Theodore Riley were displayed on those long, flannel covered tables, which some of you perhaps remember. I attended the sale that afternoon and most of those that followed, whenever I was able to do so.

In 1883 I made the dealing in coins my exclusive business, beginning at 383 Broadway. When I offered my collection, numbering some 15,000 pieces, to buyers, it was chiefly composed of copper coins. My career since that

time is fairly recorded in the Catalogues of my public sales, the first being that of the late Alexander Balmanno of Brooklyn. So much for my early reminiscences; of later days I need not enlarge in this company.

The Association whose representatives are here assembled in such goodly numbers, from widely distant points, has been the means of drawing together a large body of collectors, and uniting in its membership those of kindred tastes; and its good results are apparent on every side. No other plan could have succeeded so well. It has raised the standard of the science, has developed interest, diffused a large amount of information, and has greatly augmented the ranks of coin-lovers and students. Too great commendation cannot be bestowed on the memory and labors of the late Dr. Heath, whom we justly regard as the founder of the Association—its father—its faithful guide until the close of his career. He was eminently fitted to undertake the work of its establishment—exceptionally so indeed—and I do not know of another who could have accomplished so much. I hope our future may be guided with equal zeal, wisdom, earnestness and success, under the leadership of men whose aims may be fairly compared with the high ideals which constantly actuated our lamented friend, who from the first stood so firmly and so justly at the helm.

Among those who are still with us, and whose works are beyond praise, Farran Zerbe and Howland Wood are names that I am sure deserve the special commendation of every member, for what they have accomplished for our Association, by their able efforts and untiring industry.

There are others whom it would be fitting to mention who have contributed to our success, but the list would be long, and they are so well known to you, it is needless for me to name them at this time. It would be a pleasure in this connection to recall also some of the prominent collectors and dealers who have gone before us, Cogan and Strobridge and Woodard, Stickney and Smith, and many more—but I must content myself with the observation that their memory is still respected and revered. Their work and the inspiration of their example has set a standard to which we may well aspire.

There are many subjects that are proper to bring to your notice, as collectors of coins and members of this grand Association. It cannot be expected that all of them will be embodied in any single address, and possibly of all that should be, some must necessarily be omitted.

On the commercial side there should be cultivated reasonableness and all the tendencies that lead up to it. From the expert may justly be expected intelligence in the matter of attribution, a thorough knowledge of varieties and values, accurate and impartial descriptions or ratings of pieces, and reliable judgment as to their genuineness. There are honest and intelligent differences of opinon, which will occasionally arise, and it is here that both sides should be willing to meet each other with a sincere desire to accomplish a fair adjustment; each should endeavor to be magnanimous, and positvely and finally discharge the matter without seeking to be merely the victor.

(To be continued).

For an extensive collection of first editions of the writings of Charles Dickens, comprising upwards of eighty volumes, chiefly bound in morocco, $650 has just just been paid.

Aboriginal Life

By T. Francis

The Black Hills of South Dakota, for archological research, is a country to be taken in consideration. The tourist of today sees before him those timber clothed hills as thousands of years before aboriginal men viewed them, with delight The tourist admires the Hills for the beautiful sceneries, their granduer and magnificence; but prehistoric people saw the same places in admiration, probably not so much for their beauty as for their natural abundnace of game. The brooks nd mountain streams were full of trout, as the big game was everywhere in the woods. This much for an illustration of the attractions this place offered those ancient people whose mode and ways I am here trying to describe.

Aboriginal men were like Indian and other known races in primitive state of migratory inclinations. As they largely depended on game for their living, they moved to and fro as the game became scarce, or they were driven away by a stranger tribe. By close investigation of the old camping places, each creek that that flows from the part of the Hills and sinks in the ground on the prairie, proves this theory: As a rule the camps are found near a good stream or a spring. On Elk creek I found an old camp 600 feet above the creek, near a fine spring This place in itself is remarkable—is level and on top of a hill. From 4 to 14 inche of sand covers the top, beneath which is black soil, which again is covered with flint chips, and occasionally lost implements of stone. I have collected Indian relics for twelve years, and flatter myself on having a very good collection, and during this time I have studied aboriginal life by tracing the existing remains, but never encountered such evidence. Is it possible that those people lived here before the great glacier, or did a cloudburst send a volume of water 600 feet high through the canon leaving this pure white sand on top of this hill, on top of the flint chips on the back soil.

The implements found in the Black Hills are mostly made from Chalcedony or quartsite, though I have found several arrows of agate. The arrows found here in workmanship can not be surpassed—of course the agate and carnelian arrows from Arizona are fine, though due to the material made from, to some extent. Like we have today, good and poor workmen, those people may be regulated the same way, though I believe I can prove that there has been an early period whose inhabitants used implements of crude make, and poor, easy handled material.

Next time I shall endeavor to prove some of my theories and where to look for those ancient camps in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Bibliotheca Phillippica. In London the 51,683th lot in the vast collectoin of MSS brought together by the late Sir Thomas Phillips, who had warrant for styling himself a "perfect vello-maniac," brought $42. It was a collection of original letters relating to the family of Oates, Yorkshire Since 1886 no fewer than 60 afternoons have been employed in the sale of 13 portions of this Bibliotheca Phillippica, the result aggregating $225,350 to which the last section has contributed $18,890. The principle MS. last week was "A treatis made by Sir Philip Sydney, Knyght, of certeyn accidents in Arcadia made in the year 1580, and emparted to some few of his frends in his lyfe time, and to more sence his unfortunate deceasse." It fetched $595.

For Indian Relic Fiends

By Walter Goepfer

A few months ago I received a letter from my friend A. Gorget, stating that his friend Mr. True Flint, had come to visit him. Mr. Flint was down in Indian Territory, and had brought "something along that would interest me", as Gorget wrote, and that I could have them if I would pay the freight. After some consideration I went indoors and picking up my coat and hat, I started for the corner Upon reaching that place, I boarded the Pendant St. Car for Spearhead Depot. which was on the River Arrow From there I took the train for the little town Celt, which lay some ten miles south on the banks of Pestle Creek, where my friend lived. Leaving the train at the Celt Depot, I walked down to Adze St. and from there to Bow St , where I took a Mr. Axe's carriage to my friend's house on Hammerstone St. On reaching the door I was welcomed by Gorget and Flint, and another friend, Mr. Drill. Gorget said that I had a certain disease that he was trying to cure by giving me something very interesting He said his son had it once, and in fact still had it, and had had it for fifteen years and was not over it yet. I knew that he thought that I was crazy—relic crazy. He then took me into the parlor, and there stood two big chests full to the brim with flints of all sorts and designs, and such a lot, and to think that they were to be mine for the little freight it would cost to my home! I thanked them over and over again, and of course told them that I could use some more medicine in a while Flint laughed and said I could get it anywhere. and that he did not handle it any more After carefully packing it. so that none would break in transit, Mr Axe took them to the depot and they were on their way. I staved with Gorget over night. After breakfast the next morning, the three accompanied me to the depot on Chip St., from where I took the train to my city, Fine Specimenville Again I boarded the car and was almost home when—no, I did not awake, for I was not sleeping—came to my self I was sitting out on the porch, where I had gone after dinner to read my WEST. I had read my favorite part, the Relic page, when I fell into sort of a trance, staring into space, not conscious of the outside world in the least, going through all in the short time of four minutes Strange to say I picked up my WEST, which had fallen from my lap, and went into the house and on the table lay a letter for me from a friend. What do you think it contained? Why, he stated that he had a lot of Indian stones that he did not care for, and that were at my disposal.

COLLEGE MUSEUM GETS TREASURE

Claremont —The remains of a prehistoric elephant. twenty-six feet in length and with ten foot tusks was unearthed recently in the bed of a small creek in Puddingstone Canon, a half a mile north of San Dimas, by Prof A. J. Cook, of the department of biology. of Pomona College and Edward P. Terry, a student The relics were brought here this morning and will be placed in the college museum

Prof. Cook thinks this animal lived about 12,000 years ago.

The body was found lying diagonally across the stream and covered with about six inches of dirt While only six feet of tusk could be carried away whole, the rest having decayed, it was simple to compute the original length.

The Goubls

By Harold Banning

It was a dull stormy evening and all our companions had departed, on ly Louis and I, old bachelors, remained in the deserted club rooms. "Howard," said my friend as he gazed into the street below, "I advise you to never begin collecting. I have seen a hobby drive a man to an awful death." This remark aroused me and I begged Louis to tell me the story. "I shall" he replied, "but let it go no further, for I am not proud of the part I played." "Twenty years ago", he resumed, "I was studying medicine in a famous college of Paris I took no interest in the science and learned but little While there I met Dr. Saxon a retired physician of some reputation. Dr. Saxon was a collector of old weapons but I was sadly disappointed when I saw his collection. Six rusty old swords encased in mouldy leather scabbards made up his "collection". However, Dr. Saxon was a good friend of mine, frequeutly helping me with my studies and loaning me money which I always forgot to repay, but even with his help I failed in every study in my second year and my parents becomng disgusted with my progress cut down my spending allowance to practically nothing, leaving me a kind of outcast among my gay companions. One morning while in this bankrupt condition, Saxon offered me 500 francs if I would help him rob a grave. I did not shrink from the proposition for I, like most medical students, had had some experience in that ghastly business. Indeed I jumped at the offer and eagerly pocketed the money. Ten hours later, I found myself in old "Pere la Chaise" driving up the main avenue in Saxin's carriage. He drew up in front of an old lot enclosed by a rusty iron railing, and tied the horse to a tree while I brought the spades, ropes, etc , from the carriage. "Which grave" I inquired? "This one," muttered my friend, "and get to work," and he held the lantern so I could not read the inscription on the small headstone. This action excited my curiosity and striking a light, I read the name of one oy our greatest soldiers whose neglected grave has been a national disgrace. Now, I am a true Frenchman, and the idea of destroying the remains of one our great Marshals froze my blood with shame, but I needed that money and must work for it "I only want his sword "sneered Saxon, "he doesn't need it now—but my collection does" I snatched up the pick and set to work, furiously, while Saxon took up the spade. We worked several hours during which time not a word was uttered. Finally my pick struck a plank and I climbed out of the grave while Saxon uncovered the coffin. "In splendid condition " he muttered, as he struck his knife into the lid, "splendid I want my coffin made of oak too." We had all the necessary tools and an experenced hand soon brought the heavy, old-fashioined coffin to the surface It was indeed "in splendid condition" only the foot had caved partly in exposing a mouldy leather boot. Saxon thrust a crowbar under the cover and wrenched it off with ease.

There lay our great Marshal, his mouldy shriveled face still wearing the same defiant smile with which he had faced certain death so many years before. His uniform was green with mould, his epaulets black and only his hair retained its bright color and as I gazed upon him I could see that powerful figure leading his men in so many desperate battles and could understand why he had been such a great leader. One hand still grasped

his tarnished sword—that glorious sword that had flashed so defiantly over a hundred bloody fields was now to be wrenched from his hand by a half-crazy collector.

Saxon chuckling with satisfaction, leaned over the body and fumbled with the leather sword straps. Suddenly he straightened up with a look of horror. There in the middle of his palm was a small red spot resembling the sting of a wasp. Looking into the coffin, I saw a large greenheaded grave worm squirming angrily.

"Its bite means death," said Saxon in a hopeless voice, "death in ten minutes. "Fool, fool!! I should have worn gloves." He sat down on the edge of the coffin and buried his face in his hands. Five, six, seven minutes passed in silence then raising his head he muttered, "Louis, I deserve this. Those six swords at home were stolen from the graves of——" He sprang to his feet and threw himself into my arms—"O, my God, Louis, hold me!" he pleaded. "I am falling!" He was then seized with a frightful convulsion and bit and tore at me furiously, and it was all I could do to keep him from my throat. Soon he recovered and gazing wildly round, screamed, "Where am I, Louis, where am I?"

He then tore himself from my grasp and started off on a pitiful shambling run grinding his teeth in agony. He only went a short distance, and then went down in another convulsion. When I reached him, I sincerely thought him dead. I could detect no signs of life. What could I do with his body? If the story was made public it would mean imprisonment for me, and disgrace for his name It was almost daylight. I picked him up and ran back to the open grave. I worked like a mad man, indeed I think I was half mad that night. I lowered the heavy coffin into the grave and placing Saxon upon it with my coat shielding his face I hurriedly threw in the earth upon him. Soon the grave was filled and I was placing the sod upon it when it began to tremble and shake violently. I had buried him alive! Paralyzed with horror I gazed upon it. A clock struck three in a nearby tower. Then a great black curtain seemed to drop between me and the heaving grave.

When I regained consciousness it was five o'clock. The grave was very quiet now Saxon must be dead. Who could live two hours without air! I replaced the sod on the grave with trembling fingers, and leaping into the wagon, lashed the sleepy horse into a gallop. Soon I whirled past the—"

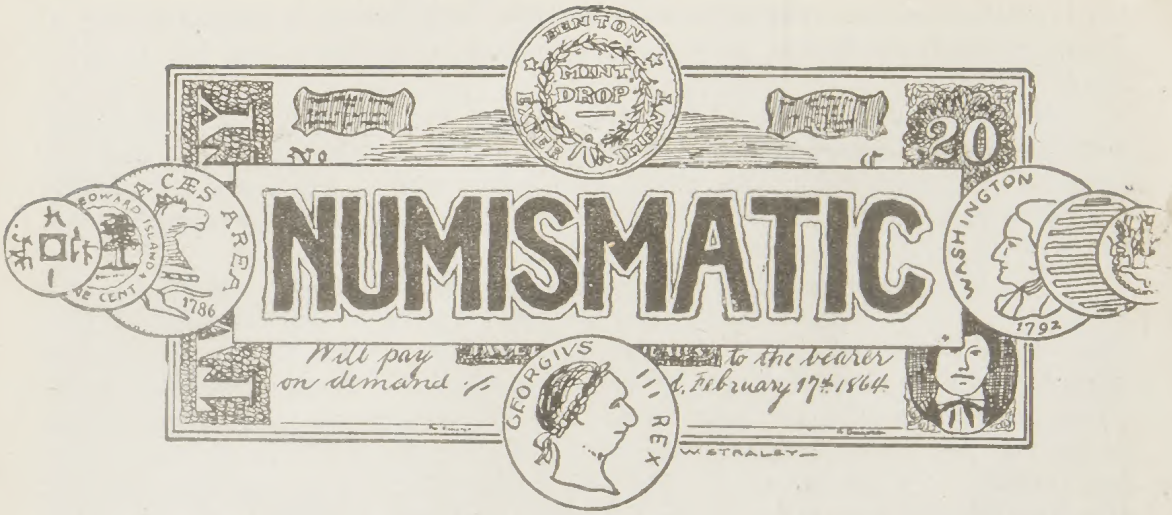
I could restrain myself no longer and broke in upon the narrative

"Louis!" I exclamed in a voice of horror "That can't be true!"

"It is" he replied in a choking voice, "every word of it "and may God forget me for my cowardly actions."

$775 for a Crown Piece As an example of Simon's famous "Petition" crown, struck in the reign of Charles II., which at one time was the most highly prized of all English coins, and which has in the past realized as much as $2,500 failed to fetch more than $775 at a London sale. The coin was designed by Thomas Simon as a protest against a Dutchman's designs being accepted for a new coinage.

The portrait of Robert Burns, for which the poet gave three sittings in 1786 to Peter (or Patrck) Taylor, has, it is stated, just been found in the shop of an Edinburgh dealer in sporting pictures and prints.



New York Notes--By Joseph E. Mueller

Coin collectors will be much interested in two specimens of perforated coins recently struck at the British Mint for circulation in the colony of Nigeria, British West Africa. The denominations are one penny and one-tenth of a penny, the former being composed of a white metal composition and the latter of aluminum. Both coins bear the familiar double triangle so common on African coins, and are of rather handsome design the reverse of each showing a crown between the inscription "King Edward VII, King and Emperor."

These coins are especially remarkable as being the first holed coins to be issued by any of the European countries, with the exception of the Belgium coins issued for Congo, following the custom of China, which for many years has issued all its coins of low denomination with perforated centers. The perforations are intended to facilitate the custom of the natives in stringing their coins.

A curious fact in connection with the above is that this year for the first time the recommendation has been made by the Empress Dowager of China to her Mintmaster to devise a new style of "cash"—a coin equivalent to about one tenth of a cent—without the time honored perforated center.

A new issue of German "Thalers" has recently been minted in Berlin. The reverse of the new coin bears the regulation German eagle, so familiar on all German coins, with the inscription "Deutches Reich 1908. Drei Mark." The obverse has an excellent likeness of His Germanic Majesty encircled with the inscription "Wilhelm II., Deutcher Kaiser Konig von Preussen" and the mint mark "A." The edge of the new coin carries the words "Gott mit uns."

This new issue of 60,000 "Thalers" were brought into circulation by payment of the salaries of Government and city officials. The coins will soon be turned out by all of the mints in the Empire.

In a communication to the New York "Times" dated Oct. 2d 1908, the Postmaster of New York calls the attention of the public to the fact that although the rates on letters to Great Britain had been reduced, there is no reduction on postal cards nor on post-cards. It might be well to take note

of this fact or one may wonder at some future time, why no reply is received to one's post-cards.

School officials have been aroused by the recommendation of Postmaster-General Meyer that children should be taught how to address mail-matter correctly and legibly. For proof, however. according to the latest returns from the Dead-letter Office, there are 13,145,172 reasons, ready at hand, in favor of the Postmaster-General's proposition.

Coin Collecting--Mexico

The present day facilities for travel and the interchange of commerce between different countries has brought about opportunities of coming in contact with those who have lived in foriegn countries to a much greater degree than formerly; and the number of foreign coins of comparatively recent dates, which visitors to far away places bring home with them as mementoes have made such coins fairly common. In course of time they pass into the hands of young collectors, any of whom are anxious to know something about them and their values. Indeed the expert is often receiving queries about foreign coins,and especially South American coins,where there are many Spanish dollars and other coins minted a century or more ago,still in circulation in the different Republics which were once under Spanish rule.

Some Mexican coins were struck in 1773, in the reign of Charles III. specially for use in Spain. The issue was repeated in subsequent reigns. The 8 reales piece of Charles IV of Spain, struck in 1789 to 1808, was cast, and is known as the "sand dollar." Later, in the reign of Ferdinand VII., half reales in bronze were issued, and during the reign of Ferdinand VII., the handsome pillar dollars(so-called from the pillars of Hercules supporting the shield of arms) were revived. Of course, the coins in general circulation in Mexico are those of more recent years issued by the Republic, dating chiefly from 1826. On these the Mexican eagle standing on a cactus, in its mouth a serpent, is the central figure of the obverse, and frequently on the reverse in some form or other, the cap of liberty, on a pole, surmounts the book of law, illustrating the legend "Liberty and Law." The gold coins of the Mexican Republic, which comprises some thirty States, were at first doubloons, the standard values being afterwards changed to pesos; coins of the relative values of 2½, 5, and 10 pesos were issued,but the silver coins of Mexico consist principally of the dollar and its subdivisions.

There have been many coins issued independently by the different Mexican States, and most of them are obtainable. One of these, struck in Chihuahua has on its obverse the figure of Liberty, seated. holding a spear in her left hand. and her right arm resting on the book of law, against her chair being the usual emblems of authority. In Guanaxuato coins of different denominations were issued; the most notable of these is the cuartilla a brass coin struck in 1857. The two most essential tools miners use form the emblems on the reverse, the legend surrounding being "Omnia Vincit Labor." There are also coins of Durango and Guadalaxara, and other less known States Perhaps one of he most curious coins of the series is an 8 reales piece, issued in 1811, in Zacatecas. under Ferdinand VII , the type of the reverse being mountain peaks, surmounted by a cross, and, as will be gathered from the legend "Moneda Provisional de Zacatecas," it was issued provisionally.



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As the time of the year is now approaching for the collectors to get busy in exchanging post cards, etc, if you want to join the best society DO IT NOW. Join the Collectors Union and get to exchanging post cards, etc. You will find all of our members are renewing which shows that they are interested in our future. If you have not joined, be sure and send in right away. Will the Collectors Union members do their part in getting members? Small circular mailed free by the secretary-treasurer. By the next issue of the WEST we expect to have a Sales Dept, and Complaint or Fraud Dept., established. I have received several letters from members who want to take hold of these Depts. Watch us grow. Why not join?

Yours in union,

Wm. A. Blomberg, Sec. and Treas.

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457. Clarence S. Hunsinger, Flatt Rock, Ohio, stamps, curios, fossils and coins.

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460. W E. Eager, 89 Bulere Rd., Upper Edmudum Middlesex, London, England, post cards.

461. Jno. Hanberry, Anderson, Indiana, coins, relics etc.

462. W. W. Schmus, 618 School St., Chicago, Ill post cards, minerals, shells.

463. G. Hull Sec. International correspondence club of China, U. S. P. O. Box 812 Shanghai, China (associate) Mr Hull would like to hear from our members one and all He will send application blanks and information on request

464. M. A. Richardson, Ticonderoga, N Y., Box 674, relics, curios, minerals, post cards coins, etc

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HALF DIME OF 1802 BRINGS $715.

An uncirculated half dime dated 1802 and said to be the finest specimen in existence was sold last month at an eastern sale for $715—the highest price ever paid for a coin of that denomination Mr. Wilson. it was said, paid $371 for it in 1884 The bidding for the coin at the sale at the Collectors' Club, was spirited, the prize being finally knocked down to H O. Granberg, of Oshkosh, Wis

Another record price was $355, for a quarter dollar dated 1827 One of the Gobrecht type of the United States pattern dollar, dated 1838, brought $160, and a similar coin, with G brecht's name in the field, sold for $104. A "Stella," or $4 piece, dated 1879 brought $66 The highest price paid for a United States cent was $81, for a coin dated 1793

Keys from Pompeii. An iron key with a large piped stem was found under ground in St. Paul's Churchyard in 1850 The annular bow which encloses a quatrefoil has a rectangular loop on the top for suspension from a ring or girdle. Another key is an early English latch key, very similar to the warded keys of today, and show that comparatively little progress was made in the locks and keys of common type for many centuries The mechanism of the ward lock seems to have been early known, for mediaeval keys have a remarkable likeness to some of the commoner trunk keys still used.

It is needless to say in these days of skilful locksmiths and burglars that the warded lock affords but little security Wax, tallow or some other substance is smeared upon the butt of the blank key, and an impression of the obstacles or wards quickly taken There are two elaborate keys richly ornamented. not only the bow but also the stem and the bit in a collection of keys at Marlborough House, where some beautiful examples of the Tudor period are also stored From the form of the bow of a key recently found near the site of Pipewell Abbey, it is supposed to have belonged to the monks who then inhabited that ancient pile which has now disappeared.

Another find of a mastodom is reported from Alaska. It is stated that the skeleton shows that the creature must have been over forty feet long.

The 57th monthly meetnig of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, on Friday evening, Oct. 2nd, President Virgil M. Brand presiding. The following members were present: Messrs. Blumenschein, Merrill, Chester Dunham, Holmes, Baker, Sorensen, Ripstra, Puttkamer, Kelly, Green, Verkler, Carey, Tracy, V. M. Brand, Simpson and Excell.

Messrs. Arthur L. Seligman, Chas. H. Conover, Frank Nowland, Sally Resenberg and Dr. Ed Bert were elected to membership

Mr. Carey exhibited a collection of foreign copper coins in fine to uncirculated condition, numbering over 500 pieces; and Dr. Merrill showed U. S. and Pioneer gold and an obsidian piece of Luxemburg.

Mr. Gee. Walston and Dr. Ed Bert were present as visitors.

A copy of Dr. Courteau's work on Canadian Boquet Sous was added to the library. Magazines received since last report were The Numismatist, Spink's Numismatic Circular, Philatelic West and Numismatische-Correspondenz. Auction catalogs were received from Henry Chapman and Low; with fixed prices from St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co., and priced catalogs from Green and Low.

Adjourned to meet Nov. 6th, 1908.

Ben G. Green, Secretary.

TO A BUTTERFLY.

So fair, so perfect, so light, so free, The symbol of your immortality,
O flower of the air almost one knows For surely you are the soul of the rose.
—Aarion Manville.

The Butterfly has long been regarded as one of the most beautiful of nature's works,and since the discovery of a process by which the real insects, collected for us by men in all parts of the world, are shown exactly as in life, are preserved indefinitely, and can be handled without fear of damage, they are being utilized in an inconceivable number of ways As pictures, or displayed on tables, over mantels, or inset in furniture, etc., they are incomparable and are used in many Royal residences. As examples for artists they stand supreme, and numbers have been supplied to the foremost painters of the day. They are also purchased by silk manufacturers who, as far as possible, copy the wonderful tints and fine shadings Many of the most fashionable dressmakers, including those of Paris, have been or are being supplied with butterflies the color schemes of which are reproduced in dresses. In fact, whereever the highest form of natural art is needed the mounted butterflies will be found —Taken from a London Catalogue.

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ROLL OF HONOR.

Our Five Leaders.

October 21, 1908.

Points to date: 906. L W. Dison, 31. 903. Arnaldo Ghisla 13. 868. Mrs. John Hoffman, 12. 314. Miss M Hays, 8. 546. Pierson Hardwick, 7.

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1315. No further U S Exchange wanted by O. E. Granberry, Ancon, Canal Zone.

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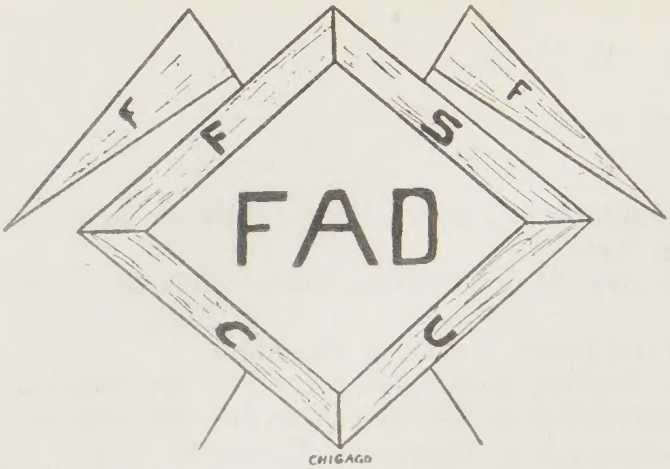
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The following memberships will expire during the month of Nov.: 314, 622, 689, 868, 1300, 1301, 1302, 1304, 1305,1306,1307,1308,1309,1301,1310,1313,1314.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Please be advised that The Union has established an office at No. 1201 East Alameda Avenue, Denver, and all mail should be addressed accordingly. Our office is equipped with everything necessary to conduct the affairs of the society in a thorough businesslike manner and we will run in connection therewith our own printing establishment, where all the advertising matter used will be published. While our policy has always been to spare neither time nor expense in our endeavor to please our members, we believe you will appreciate the fact that the expenses incurred in making this move are exceedingly heavy, but by giving far better service than we have in the past, we trust that we will be able to please all our members, who in turn will recommend the society to their collecting friends. Mr. Hawes, the present Secretary, will retire from active service, and Mr. James A. Semple will assume the duties of Secretary. Mr. Semple's excellent business ability and his friendly ways will without doubt win for him the heartfelt friendship and esteem of all our members and that The Union cannot do otherwise than prosper.

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On account of the unexpected trip taken by Mr. L. T. Brodstone, unknown to us at the time, it has been impossible for us to have our first report in an earlier edition, and we wish to apologize to all our members for this delay. We wish to make this club one of the largest and best of its kind and in order to do so, we heartily ask you for your membership. Any other information desired, not found in the foregoing, will be promptly answered.

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The publisher or the secretary will be glad to send sample copies of the Official Organ for inspection, upon request, and any other information will be cheerfully furnished by the secretary for the asking. Address all correspondence to MR. JAMES A. CARR, JR., Secy.
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The following memberships will expire during the month of November: No. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21. Renewal fee is 35c; if a subscriber to the WEST, the fee will be 10c. Please renew your membership at once

CONTEST NO. 3.

First Prize: Ten beautiful view cards to the member securing a new member in Mexico, Canada, Cuba or Panama Second Prize: Fifteen historical cards for a new member in South America, Central America or the West Indies. Third Prize: Twenty views of U. S. lighthouses, for a new member in Europe, Asia, India, Africa, Philippines or any other countries not mentioned. Fourth Prize: Five colored views for two new members in U. S. Contest closes Jan. 1st, 1909.

Dear Members: I am very sorry to announce that with the closing of this report the present officers will no longer be able to manage the affairs of the club, and in consequence of same Mr. Clarence V. Webb, of Perry, Ohio, will hereafter be your Secretary Treasurer, he having been solicited to take that office. With the next report he intends to have the office of Presidents, Vice Pres., and Assist. Secy-Treas., filled by some of the members of the club. After this date he will have full power to manage the club as he thinks best. There will probably be some changes made as to rules, contests etc., but in such a case all members will be notified through the WEST. Since the organization of the club there has been one hundred and thirty-three members joined. We wish to thank you one and all, and hope you will give the new officers your kindest consideration in any dealings you may have with them. Trusting you will all work in harmony for the upbuilding of the club, and with our very best wishes to all, we are

Very truly yours, the retiring officers

per James A. Carr, Jr. Retiring Secy-Treas.

ONLY LIVING MAN WITH PICTURE ON U. S. CURRENCY.

Dallas, S. D.—Hollow Horn Bear, chief of all the Sioux, has returned from an official visit to Senator Gamble at Yankton. The long trip depleted his ready cash, and he today visited Judge Witten, among other things asking through Captain Elliston, his interpreter, for a five dollar loan to buy food or his squaw and children. When Judge Witten produced a five dollar bill Elliston pointed out Hollow Horn's picture on it.

Hollow Horn is the only living man pictured on United States currency. Now Judge Witten would not part with that bill for any money.

Hollow Horn made a famous speech to Congress in 1889, and being a handsome big chief his picture was engraved on both five and twenty dollar bills.

A remarkable literary "find"—a book on marriage, supposed to have been annotated by Henry VIII.—has just been found in London.

A Kolumn for Kansas Kollectors

By George J. Remsburg

E. J. Tiene has arrived in the city from Seattle, Wash., for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reinhold. Mr. Tiene has an old family bible in his possession which he brought to the city. It is a very old, unique German bible. The bible is illustrated and is 153 years old. It was printed in the year 1755.—Leavenworth Post.

The following interesting report comes from Fowler, Kans:—The largest bones of a prehistoric animal ever found in this part of the state were unearthed recently on the Don Otto farm five miles east of this city. Those bones consisted of the thigh and the pelvis of some huge animal. The lower end of the thigh bone, evidently at the knee joint, was nine inches across, while the upper end measured over thirteen inches across. The pelvis bone crumbled when it was being removed from the earth, but before it was disturbed it was fully forty inches wide. Large bones have frequently been found on Mr. Otto's farm, and it has been his intention to make an investigation at some time. An effort will be made in the near future to discover the head of this animal. A large bone was found near the bone in question but it is impossible to tell whether or not it is a part of the skull.

Mr. Charles O. Engel, an enthusiastic collector of Dixon, Ill., writes that he enjoys reading the "Kolumn For Kansas Kollectors," in the WEST. "I know of two ancient Indian village sites," writes Mr. Engel, and I expect to visit these places in the near future. The gentleman who lives near one of these places has gathered together a very large collection. Our neighbor has over 200 arrow and spear heads, and two or three axes, which they picked up on the other grounds. I found six arrow heads this summer on this spot. These sites border along Rock River and near each there is a creek. The real Indian name for our river is "Sinnissippi," but the "palefaces" named and still call it Rock River. The scenery along this vicinity is something grand. The tribes of Indians were the Sacs and Foxes and the Winnebagos, from what I have heard. The Black Hawk war took place in our vicinity, Black Hawk being the chief of the Indian tribe. Relics in this vicinity were once numerous and are still found from year to year."

The writer has just been informed of a large Indian Mound near Bendena, Doniphan county, Kansas which he hopes to examine in the near future. Doniphan county the ancient home of the Kansas Indians from whom our state derived its name.

Old settlers in Atchison will all remember Henry Stein, who for many years ran a little novelty store at Seventh and Commercial, where the Boston store now stands. He went from here to Salt Lake where he had the same kind of a store and also collected a large assortment of metals, some of which were quite valuable. He became too old to attend to business and the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias lodges, of which he is a member, made arrangements for him to go to the Odd Fellows' Home at Manhattan. Here he has charge of the flower beds, with some boys to assist him and seems to be happy and contented.—Atchison Champion.

The editor of this "Kolumn" used to ramble about the Missouri river bluffs in Northwestern Kansas with Mr. Stein and gather specimens. He was an intelligent collector, and at one time collected for the Smithsonian Institution. Address reports of Kansas finds or inquiries to Geo. J. Remsburg, Oak Mills, Kans.

MINERALOGY



EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles, etc to this Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive Mont., will be answered as far as possible in this dept. Forest Gaines]

Sapphire mining was carried on actively in Montana during 1907, the product having an estimated value of $299 800 according to Douglass B Sterrett of the United States Geologcal survey, whose statistical report on the precious stones of this country has just been published by the survey as an advance chapter from "Mineral Resources of the United States, Calendar Year 1907" Two large companies operated mines containing blue sapphire in its original matrix,and two other large companies and smaller or individual producers worked auriferous placer deposits containing vari-colored sapphires. The blue sapphire in matrix was worked in the Judith river region in Fergus county, at points about 11 and 13 miles west—southwest of Utica; the placer deposits were worked at the head of Dry Cottonwood creek in Deer Lodge county. The auriferous placer deposits along the Missouri river below Helena, once so extensively worked, also yielded a few stones during 1907.

The blue sapphres of Fergus county, often called "Yogo" sapphires, range in size from minute crystals up to those of 4 or 5 carats. Rarely crystals of 8 or 10 carats are found,but the greater number weigh under 3 carats. A large quantity of small sapphires, classed as "culls" is also obtained. This material is in great demand for watch jewels, the flattened form of many of the crystals rendering them especially suitable for this purpose. In color the Yogo sapphires range from light blue to the rich "cornflower" blue characteristic of the oriental sapphire. They make beautiful gems and are highly prized for their color and brilliancy. Probably over 90 per cent of the sapphire is of good blue color and of gem quality. Occasionally purplish gems are found.

The auriferous placer deposits on Dry Collonwood creek are located at an elevation of 6,000 feet, nearly 1,500 feet above the valley of Deer Lodge river, to which the creek is tributary. The gravels in the gulches are from 10 to 14 feet thick and the beds are from 40 to 100 feet wide. The gold carried by the gravels and recovered from the concentrates is mostly fine, although nuggets worth several dollars are said to have been found. It is claimed that the value of the gold recovered is sufficient to pay operating expenses. The larger part of the sapphire of this locality can be used for mechanical purposes only, but some of the crystals are suitable in size, color and quality for cutting as gems.

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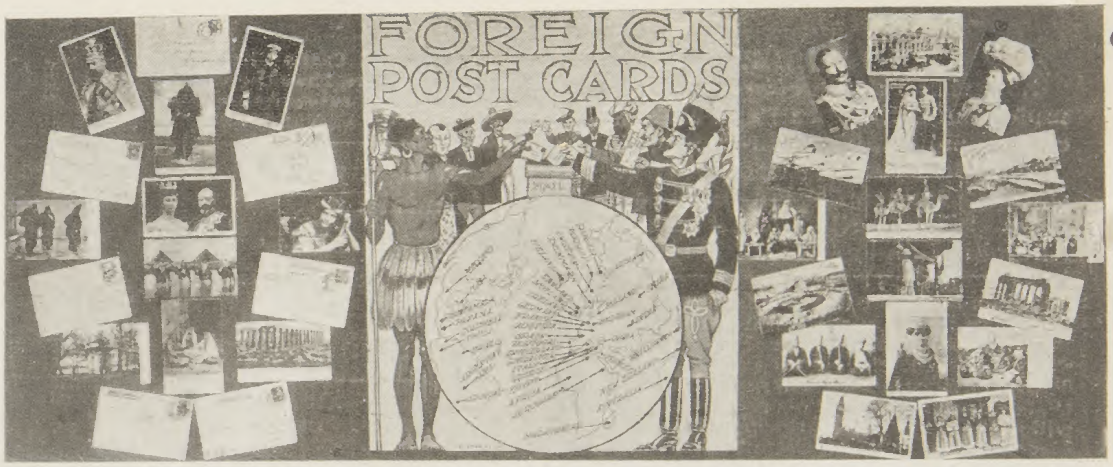
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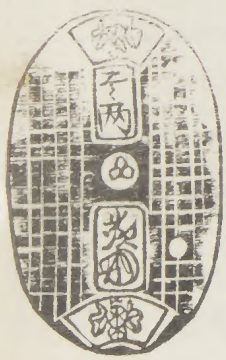
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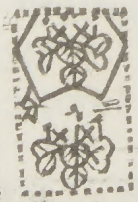
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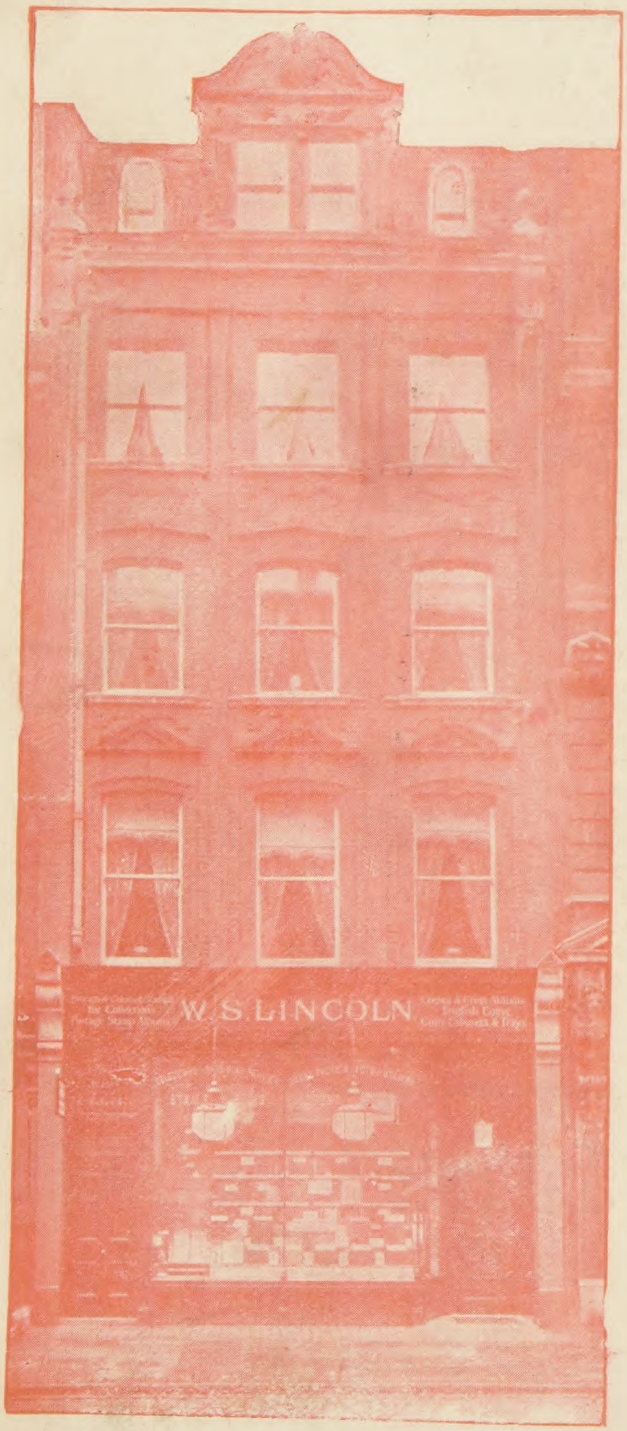
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1029	2c black unused	.30	.09
1030	3c " "	.60	.18
1031	4c " "	.40	.11
1032	6c " "	.75	.23
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11	6p green "	1.25	.43
12	½p green unused	.06	.02
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14	2½p brown used	1.00	.32
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16	6p green unused	1.25	.42
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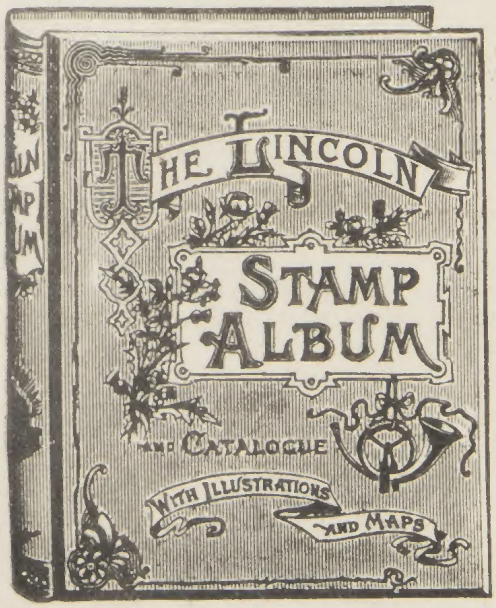
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3 " " "	.25	.07
3 " proprietary "	.20	.07
3 " for exchange "	.10	.04
10 " " " "	.40	.16
15 " " " "	.60	.23
20 " " " "	1.00	.37
20 " " " imp	1.00	.37
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$3.00 Manisest "	.20	.08
$3.50 Inland exchange "	1.50	.60

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	Cat	Our Price
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4 " " " "	.60	.23
5 " " " "	.10	.03
6 " " " "	2.00	.75
10 " " " "	.04	.02
15 " " " "	.50	.18
20 " " " "	.20	.08
30 " " " "	.75	.30
30 " " " "	1.50	.46
40 " " " "	.60	.22
60 " " " "	.75	.30
70 " " " "	.65	.23
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show what an enormous stock he carries, for we hurriedly glanced through some hundreds of his books and were astonished at the huge display and the care and neatness with which they were arranged, and also at the immense value. Practcally all the stamps that one could ask for or desire, were ready at a minute's notice. Mr. Lincoln is also the publisher of the famous Lincoln Stamp Albums (a small picture of which we reproduced), which are now known all over the world. As side lines, he also stocks Crests of English nobility, the Army, Navy, Bishops, Towns etc., and crest albums for their reception, and also has one of the finest selections of Picture post cards in London, comprising views of London and also reproductions of all the famous pictures in the London Galleries. These he retails at the low price of 2 cents each Mr. Lincoln will be pleased to hear form any collector interested in stamps or other articles, and will with pleasure mail illustrated lists, and wou'd also be pleased to enter into correspondence with any philatelists in this country.

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Mr. R. JOSEPH THUMIN of Paris, the founder of one of the principle stamp houses of Europe which has existed for years under the name of Thumin Boehm. The firm name has been changed to J. Thumin in consequence of the death of Mr. A. Thumin, who died some eighteen months ago. Mr. Jospeh Thümin is a member of the American Philatelic Society. He is one of the founders of the French society of timbprerology and is one of its committee Having associated actively in the foundation of the Chamber syndicate of merchants, expert in postage stamps of which he is the Secretary and Treasurer , he devoted all his efforts to its enlargement. He is the inventor of a system of binding wth moveable leaves for albums and adopted today by a large number of collectors and merchants. In the meantime Mr. Thumin has published many articles critical and humerous, in the Philatelic journals defending the merchants in stamps of which he is one of the most honorable representatives. He also hunts down the dealers of false stamps and other interlopers who are so prejudicial to the stamp business. He also has got out a very fine and large catalogue.

The WEST publisher met him on his trip to Paris. See his ads in this issue.

WALTER W. SCHMUS. 618 W. School St., Chicago, Ill.; president of the Fad Souvenir Card Club of Chicago, a member of 9 souvenir card clubs, two stamp clubs and several other societies will be glad to exchange cards, minerals, fosisls and Indian relics with collectors from all parts of the world.

Concluded under Southern Philatelic Society report.

ERRATA:—Sorry to report five ads have errors in this issue. First, Arnold date of first coin should be 1798 not .78; also ad, same column of Tribbett was 40 buttons instead of 4. Dayton of Wis., ad under Uruguay should be letter M instead of St. Se'lmnts stamp of 1902 should be 3 instead of 2 and Peru 1907 instead of 1800 and approval sheets figure 12 should be left out under Mauritius, date 1800 should be 1900.

J. N. Perkins, Washington, D. C., fine collection 300 should be 3000 at $25.00. Page ad of H. L. Perkins, Hartford, Conn, Azores 15-0R should be 150-R, Virgin Is date 1804 should be 1904.

Carrying Christmas Presents All over The World.

This is the season of the year in which the world's great postal servce is taxed to its uttermost in caring for the immense quantity of mail matter that the spirit of Christmas always produces. While there are large increases in the bulk of the mail matter as the other holidays of the year roll around, none of these approach the record of the Christmas mail, and from one end of the earth to another the army of men who have charge of our epistles and packages are obliged to exert themseves to the uttermost in order to meet the requirements of this festive season.

While the railroads and steamships carry by far the largest part of the mails there have been other modes of conveyance, and there are at this time some variations of the methods employed in transporting the communications of the letterwriting public, and it is a matter worth noting., for it is not generally known, that several of the more interestng means of mail carrying are illustrated on the little postage stamps themselves.

The railroad train has come to be a favorite postage stamp subject. The locomotive as shown on the 3 cent blue stamp as early as 1869, the 8 cent stamp of the TransMississippi issue of 1898 showed a squad of troops guarding a mail train, and the 2 cent Pan American issue of 1901, picture familiar to nearly everybody, showed the famuous 20th Century Limited, and was the latest issue of the United States postage stamp showing a train of cars.

A dozen other countries have pictured the mail train on their stamps and the Honduras specimen, which is illustrated therewith, was issued in 1898. Mexico issued a train stamp in 1895, and continued this through several years with variations in the color, paper, etc.

The mail carrying steamships have also played an honorable part on postage stamps. The Pan American issues of the United States presented examples of this, and almost every country that has departed from the conventional in stamp producton has illustrated one kind or another of water craft. Very pretty ocean going mail vessels are shown on the stamps of the German colonies of 1900, and indicated the marine supremacy of our cousins across the water, which supremacy' it may be remarked in passing, has lately been wrested from them by our other cousins. The Caroline Island stamps, is a type of those gotten up by the German government. The horse naturally plays a conspicuois part in mail carrying, although the almost monopolizing role which it played a half century ago has been largely succeeded by more modern methods of conveyance. Still the equinine prominent in the large cities everywhere in collecting the mails and in delivery to sub stations, and he is an indispensable adjunct of the rural deliveries. In some of the mountainous and slightly populated districts of lands on both this and the other hemisphere the horse and mule are principally relied on to tranpsort mails.

The early provisional stamp of the United States pictured the horse, an instance being the Baltimore stamp of 1851 . The 2 cent stamp of the regular issue of 1861 showed a horseman at full tilt with his little cargo of mail

The first stamp of the Roumanian set of 1903 issued in celebration of the opening of the new general post office showed the old Roumanian post, a vehicle drawn by four horses, dashing off on its mission.

The Mexican stamp issue of 1895, which has already been referred to as showing a locomotive and train of mail cars, likewise illustrated other

means of mail carrying, including the stage coach drawn by horses. Another stamp of this series showed the methods of mail carrying by pack animals.

Only last year Bosnia issued a rather large and beautiful series of stamps, several of which illustrated the means used in that land to carry mails from point to point. One of these was the pack mule, another a type of stage employed in that country, and a third was a fine specimen of the modern mail automobile.

Everyone is familiar with the United States bicycle stamp used for special delivery purposes. It illutsrates a messenger mounted on his wheel speeding away to deliver the missives that have been intrusted to his care. There are several varieties of these, the differences in which are generally slight, and not universally known perhaps. The most marked difference was a change from blue to orange in the printing of the stamps, a change not long continued.

Cubas special delivery stamp was patterned directly after that of this country, and shows a boy on his bicycle posting off to deliver the specially urgent mail.

Africa, where the camel is the beast of burden, has not neglected to make this useful creature a part and parcel of the mail service and we find the animal on a number of stamps acting in this capacity Recent stamps of Sudan picture a long train of camels crossing a desert with their cargo of mail. The early local stamps of the United States were a faorite field for the illustration of mail carrying. Cincinnati had a stamp picturing a carrier tramping the streets with his bundle of letters. The Hartford stamp of 1844 presented the picture of a gentleman wearing a high hat and carrying a bag of precious mail on his back.

Hussey's mail gave an idea of expedition in the service of its patrons by showing mailmen who ran at top speed. Humboldt's mail express pictured a fast going stage coach. A St. Louis stamp was similar to that of Cincinnati already referred to.

The Fresno and San Francisco mail of 1894 made necessary by unfavorable transporting facilities existing in the West at that time showed a bicyclist hurrying acoross a sunbaked plain at the base of a towering mountiain range. Wells Fargo's stamp of 1860 illutsrated the pony express.

A number of stamps have shown mythical methods of mail carrying ranging from the service of Mercury to tall-stepping gentlemen who, adorned in the latest styles, tiptoed over housetops with bonderous sacks of letters and packages. An example of this latter was Blood's City Dispatch of the 40z's. The picture therein was that of a highhat individual loaded down with bags of mail who was springing from roof to roof of buildngs much in the fashion that old Santa Claus travels on his yearly rounds.

The carrier pigeon has been shown on a number of stamps, but strange to say, not illustrated the postal carriers of the one country—France—to which it really did a great service as a mail messenger. The use of the pigeon stamps has been merely typical of the reputation of that bird as a carrier. The service performed in this connection was in carrying letters to the besieged Frenchmen in Paris during the Franco-Prussian war.. The pigeons were taken from the city in balloons and after being laden with the mail designed for the penned up Frenchmen were liberated at the points reached by the balloons. Scores of them succeeded in making their way back to Paris and they carried much valuable mail. Stamps that show transporting methods interetsing studies and a collection is very instructive.

U. S. Notes--By E. R. Aldrich

Chicago permit No. 43 1 cent value, is used by Shayne, the well known furrier.

Gloucester Mass., permit No. 3. one cent value is printed in connection with a view of deep sea fishing on the envelopes used by Consumers Fish Co. of that city.

Duluth, Minn., permit No. 12, one cent value, is used by the News-Tribune Co. of that city.

Among the various objects exhibited at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia in 1876 by the United States Post office Department was the ledger in which Benjamin Franklin when postmaster general kept the accounts of the department in 1776.

A French dealer quotes the 6c 1869 at .30, the ten cent at .25, the twelve cent at 25, the 15 cent at .60, the twenty-four cent at 2 25 and the thirty cent at $1.20.

A reprint set of the 1857 issue was recently offered by an eastern firm at $60.00, being a little over half of catalog price

A set of twenty-five varieties of stamped checks were recently offered at .75. This was an unexcelled opportunity to start a collection of U. S. stamped papers.

It is announced that the 2c value of the new issue will be ready and in use by the middle of November.

Rumor says that a set of three values of commemorative stamps will be issued for the Yukon Pacific Exposition at Seattle next summer.

In 1793 there were three letter carriers employed by the Philadelphia post office and one in New York City. The addition charge for delivery was two cents.

In June, 1871 the railway mail was first in such shape that a letter could be sent entirely by rail from Vanceborough up in the northeastern boundary of the Maine seacoast to San Francisco.

It is reported that both the one, two, and four cent current issues can be found with the hyplen hole roulette.

The 5c 1847 on original cover was recently advertised by a dealer at $1.20 and the ten cent at $2.25. This would seem to indicate that the former is much scarcer in this shape than the latter.

Price reduction may be heartily welcomed by all who wish to buy, especially by the beginner and young collector of our day. Increases are welcomed by those who have the stamps and wish to sell; these, of course, hate to see any reductions. The past however, teaches us that increase and reduction alternate with a natural and therefore continual tendency for larger increases than reductions. A stamp that is now reduced in price will probably rise in a few years, perhaps, to a price higher than ever before; then may follow another reduction and another rise, and after 10 or 20 years the lowest price will be higher than the highest price now. Some stamps form exceptions, and they should, for instance those that by speculation had been driven up beyond all reason; the sooner these come down and the longer they stay down, the better for collectors generally, who may then "make hay while the sun shines."



St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society

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The ninety fifth regular meeting of the Society was held in the usual place and time on Tuesday Oct. 27th.

President Myers was in the chair and the following members were present:—Baer, Chase, Chase, Diamant, Humes, Hussman, Millhouse, Myers, Schoeman, Voelker, Wood

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The President wishes a correction to be made in a previous minute where in error it said he would give $1.00 worth of stamps to the members making the largest purchase from his book in the Sales Department, whereas it should have read he would give 20 per cent of gross purchases.

The President presented the name of T. B. Willard of 5735 Delmar Blvd for reinstatement. Upon motion of Mr. Baer seconded by Mr. Ruedi the same was agreed to. The application of H. A. Borgman, 2302 Salisburg St. presented by Chetser Myers, and Rene Mechin, 5088 Raymond Ave., guaranteed by Gus V. R. Mechin and presented by F. R. ornwall were referred to the Membership Committee. In view of Mr Delafield's continued abence from the ity, the President appointed A. Strauss, chairman of the Memberhip Comimttee protem in his place; and C. E. Hussman as member of this Committee; also W. Bain a member of Entertainment Committee in his place. The President instructed the Secretary to write on behalf of the Society a letter of sympathy to Mr. Delafield. It was decided that the Nomination of officers or 1909 should be held at the last meeting in November. It was moved by Mr. Diamant and seconded by Mr. Reudi that the St. Louis Stamp Collector's Society extend to C. E. Hussman for the purpose of holding a Mail Auction of Stamps on Dec. 8th, the use of their rooms. The motion carried It was afterwards made unanimous.

Then the event of the evening took place, the Entertainment Comittee having arranged for a talk by Mr. Diamant and it was a most interesting and entertaining one. The Magnetism of Stamp Collecting was his theme at the commencement. He had started to collect as a school boy in '86 and got his first lot from G. F. Gambs who then ran a little stamp store. For want of an album he utilized the edges of the pages of his geography, pasting the stamps down of a country round its map thus bringing him under the displeasure of his teacher. Like many others when he left school he dropped stamps but when abroad some ten years later the magnetism asserted itself, the old fever returned and he went in strong for the little labels and has been an enthusiastic stamp crank ever since. He then branched into a talk upon Canal Zones, a country of which Mr,. Daiamant can speak with authority for there are few men who have handled as many or know as much about these stamps. Illustrated as it was with entire sheets of every issue having every catlogued variety, error, broken letter, etc A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the speaker for his well thought out and interesting address.

One of the most profitable evenings the Soclety has spent, wound up

with the usual informal auction.

Dropped for nonpayment of dues, C H. Deitering, H. H. Kring, E. C. A. Berger, C. W. Long.

The ninety sixth regular meeting of the Society was held in the usual place and time on Tuesday, November 10th.

President Myers was in the chair and fourteen members were present:—Baer, Berger, Bollman, Chase, Diamant, Humes, Millhouse, Myers, Pokorny, Schoeman, Sisson Sr., Sisson Jr., Strauss Voelker; also one visitor, Mr. Donald R. Heath.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The President brought to the attention of those present the fact that the One Hundredth Meeting of the Society will come on January 5th which being the first meeting of the year will be the election and installation of new officers. Undoubtedly a very Special commemorative program will be arranged for.

The following applications having been passed by the Membership Committee were brought up for action: Geo. E. Anthonisz, Colombo, Ceylon; Chas. Bolbach, O'Fallon, Ill.; H. A. Borgmann, 2302 Salisburg St.; Rene Mechin, 5088 Raymond Ave.; E. J. Reulbach, 5037 Kensington Ave.; Mr. Diamant moved, seconded by Mr. Millhouse that these applications be accepted. Carried unanimously.

The entertainment of the evening provided by the President consisted of two contests. The first was to name the country and stamp which showed the picture of a foreign ruler. Messrs Chase and Sisson divided the honors. The first named the Country—U. S. A., and the second the Stamp Columbian $4.00. The second contest was to give a list of countries upon whose stamps a ship or a boat appeared. Mr. Myers said he had a list of 76 but with all the mind racking and memory cudgeling that was done the winners, again a tie, Messrs. Chase and Strauss only had 24 points.

The usual informal auction closed a most profitable and enjoyable evening.

Change of address: Elmer C. A. Berger to 1205 Amherst Pl. Dropped for nonpayment of dues, Max E Boltz.

Don't forget the big auction in the Society's Rooms, Dec. 8. We hope to see every St. Louis Collector present.

GETTING EVEN WITH DEKAY.

In searching for a theme upon which we might even up "jokes" with the publiher of The Philatelic Tribune we have encountered an item in the "Philatelic Examiner," for November, 1901, written by Clarence P. DeKay, which reads as follows:

"Collectors may have noticed of late that the front covers of several of our philatelic magazines consist of Advertisements. I am positive that, were I a publisher, I would allow no advertisement to mar the looks of the front door-way of my paper. It might be devoted to something more attractive to our hobby: For instance on the smaller magazines, the editor might make an ann uncement concerning the present issue.or his photograph might appear there (with a few exceptions!)" Seven years later we find Brother DeKay publishing the Philatelic Tribune, and on the front page of the December number—lo and behold—there are just exactly 27 lines of advertising! Verily, consistency is a jewel!

The above was sent us by a friend. Friendly criticism is valuable if taken in a friendly spirit.—Dorpat.

Beginner's Department--Argentine

By L. G. Dorpat

(Continued from last issue.)

Regarding the stamps of Argentina there is a splendid work published by J. B. Moens of Brussels "Timbres de la Republique Argentine et de ses diverses provinces," 1882, 2 vols, French. I am sorry I have that work not at hand. Original research in any position is impossible, and I shall have to glean information from all possible sources at hand. One of these is a monogram by Dr Jose Marco del Pont in the "Revista de la Societ ad Filatelica Argentina" 1895, translated by C. Laymann of Montevideo for Seuf's "Beitraege zur Postwertzeichen-Kunde," 1896, it treats the issue of 1862. If space permitted, I would rather give it in full instead of making extracts.

STAMPS OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

Chronologically the stamps of Corricutes were the first, they appearing in 1856. They are evidently copied from the French stamps of 1849. As the story goes, a young baker, who had once been an apprentice in a lithographic institution, was the designer. Mr. Thiele says "The well known stamps of Corricutes, perfect paragons of crudenesss, were printed in sheets of 32, composed of four panes of 8 each, arranged in two rows of four—two of the panes being set tete-beche to the other two. This arrangement corresponded to their value when first issued, which was 1 real, corresponding to one shilling, the eighth part of a dollar. Thus each pane of 8 was worth a dollar (or peso) and the whole sheet was worth four dollars (or pesos). Atfer the centralization of the Confederation the stamps still circulated in the new Province of Corricutes, but at the value of 3 centavos, the old value being erased from the plate. Hence the old arrangement no longer has any significance. Was it changed later? It may be. If anyone has a complete sheet of the stamps without indicated value for sale, I should be pleased at the chance of buying it." It may be added that there were 8 varieties of type, differing in size and other particulars; that the value was changed from 1 real to 3 centavos on February 8, 1860 by simply crossing out the old value with stroke of black writing ink and that from 1861 on the stamps were printed with no value at all; that they appeared on at least 15 colors or varieties of color of paper, representing various values from 2 to 5 centavos and that finally in 1880 the use of these stamps was suppressed. For particulars see "Phil. Journal of America" vol. X., p. 13-17. The stamps were reprinted on colors differing from those of the originals. Cancellations were frequently made with pen and ink and it requires care to avoid deception. Prices are fair.

In the same year (1858) the Confederation began issuing stamps Buenos Ayres also made an issue. I find very little about it in my library, except some unsatisfactory notes. Major Evans says these stamps were typographed and from a note by Dr Marco del Pont I draw the conclusion that it was done by Robert Lange, the proprietor of the Lithographia San Martin at Buenos Ayres. Mr. Thiele says in the "Adhesive" p. 22 of vol. III. "Not many specimens of the first issue of Buenos Ayres are to be seen in this country, but down in their home these homely labels are accorded their just appreciation; the Argentine collector affectionately terms them "barquitos" i. e. "little boats." They were printed in sheets of 48, in 6 horizontal rows

of 8. This seems to have no particular relation to the currency—a peculiarity noticeable in most of the early issues of Argentina. The government called for so many stamps in its contracts and left it to the convenience of the printer in what kind of sheets they were to be printed. The issue of 1860, with head of Liberty, was engraved and printed in sheets of 40, which is also an arbitrary number."

Note: I am sorry to say Mr. Thiele has quit the WEST'S staff of contributors, has resigned his ministry, leaves my letters to him unanswered and thus has severed all connections between us. We were friends! (Dorpat)

It appears that originally 4 plates were constructed of the first issue, one each for the 4 values, 2, 3, 4 and 5 pesos, but that subsequently the 4 and 5 pesos plates were altered to produce 4 reales and 1 peso stamps; this was done by removing part of the inscription of value, which proceedure being unequally executed, we find quite a number of varieties.

In 1860 (January?) a new design was introduced, and, it seems, the engraving was made in Paris; whether some of the stamps were printed in Paris or not is doubtful; there are clear and rough impressions. In 1862 the color of the 1 and 2 pesos was changed. Gibbon's lists a large number of varieties. The prices of all these stamps are high; only one is quoted at less than a dollar; others are held at $100 00 to $150.00. Reprints I find none mentioned, but counterfeits I have seen some myself. In 1859, or thereabout, an essay was prepared showing a landscape with a horseman in the center. Of this the follcwing values are known: 4 reales, yellow; 6r green; 8r violet and 10r blue. It is said they were never issued, though some may have come out and may have passed the mails. They are certainly worth preservation as curiosities. Buenos Ayres was not the capital of the confederation at this time.

About the stamps of Cordoba or Cordova I find nothing except what the catalogues state. There were two values, 5 and 10 centavos, on various papers, all lithographed A third value, 15 centavos, which is said to have been prepared is said to have never been issued.

Should any of our readers, and I know we have some very good philatelists among them, be in possession of any further facts relating to these Argentine locals, I would respectfully invite them to publish them in this paper. Evidently these stamps are neglected, and there is much that might be written about them if it were only known.

The first issue of Argentina proper, inscribed "Confe on Argentina," was made 1858 and consists of three values, 5, 10 and 15 centavos. It was printed by the lithographic firm of Carlos Riviere & Co. of Parana in sheets of 96 stamps. If Dr. Marco del Pont is correct, then all the catalogues and handbooks are in error in ascribing the type wtih narrow border and large figure 5 to a later printing. The Doctor discovered documents which show that the 5, 10 and 15 centavos with large figure were printed first and previous to December 14, 1857. Why the 10 and 15 centavos, large figure, of which a whole box full was found at the Mint in Buenos Ayres, were never put into circulation is not explained; possibly they were simbly forgotten in those turbulent times of war Scott's number 4 ought to be number one, and so in all the other catalogues.—N. B. if Dr. M. del Pont is right.

(To be continued.)

Fiscal Department

I have attempted to fill the part of Fiscal Editor of the WEST and I will be pleased to receive notes at any time of new issues and of varieties not catalogued of old issues and all such sent me will be noted here with proper credit. F. A. Brown, East Peru, Iowa, Lock Box 7.

Since my last I have a few new specimens to note.

Through Mr. Brodstone I have received three tax tags from Mr. Stone of Va.

The tags are all of the same design and are 3⅜ in. horizontal by 1⅝ in. vertical. The design is composed as follows: A double lined rectangle 1⅞ x1¼in. within which next to string end is "Virginia" across the other end is "Fees Paid" in center are two concentric double lined circles the center of the inner circle and all printing is in black the year appears in the center uncolored also "Registered" in small Caps black or in colored tablet. Between the inner and outer circles is "Department of Agriculture. G W. Koiner in manuscript and Commissioner in small caps. Across the right end of the tag outside of the rectangle is "10 to Ton 200 lbs" for one value and 12 to Ton 167 lbs for another value. I do not know if there are more than 2 values for each year.

1906—12 to Ton	on yellowish	from	Vanderhoff
" —10 "	cream		Stone
1907—12 to Ton—	Red Brown		Stone
" 10 "	?		
1908—12 "	?		
" —10 "	Blue Green		Stone

If anyone can supply further particulars of date, color or value let us hear from you.

Mr. J. F. Heartwell of Long Beach, Calif., sends me a specimen of the 1894-95 R. I. Mexico surcharged horizontally in blk. "Alcoholes." Surcharge is 5x27mm. Underneath this is Jalpam in Caps 2½x17mm. It is the name of the issuing office I suppose. Mr. Heartwell tells me he has 1 peso R. I. 1895-96 also surch. Alcoholis.

Anyone actively collecting Mexican Fiscals will do well to write Mr. H.

Fiscals give us quite a mengerie. I will list a few British S. Afr. Co., comes first with two animals which I am unable to name.

Tati Concession, elephant Germany, Eagle. Germany, Lion. Argentine Rep , sheep, ox, horse. Australia, W., Swan. Canada, Unicorn, beaver. Columbia, Condor. U. S , bear, eagle, rooster, deer, phoenix, horse, centaur. Isle of Jersey, Jerse/ cow. Ireland, dog. Gautemala, quetzal. Malay States, tiger. Mexico, Eagle and Snake. Peru, llama. Persia, camel.

Send on your Fiscal Revenue or Stamp notes.

The German papers are quarrelling about the price reduction in the new edition (1909) of Senf's Catalog Some think they are wrong, some think they are right and some think they are partly wrong and right. Most of them make the mistake, that is often made elsewhere as well, to overlook the fact that Senf Bros. are stamp dealers and must naturally quote prices, that will enable them to do a profitable business. If it was not for that, they would certainly not publish their catalog, or sell it for so small a consideration as they do. Their catalog does not undertake to say what stamps may be worth to other people; it simply says what stamps are worth to Senf Bros. Thus it is with other catalogs as well.

WASHINGTON, D. C. NOTES

The Official Postal Guide for November contained among other notices, the information that the recently announced new set of stamps, of the denominations of 1, 2, 3 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 50 cents and $1, would bear the profile head of Washington, with the exception of the 1 cent, to have Franklin's profile. The interesting part of the announcement, however, consisted in the statement that stamp books of the new 2 cent stamps would be ready for issue to postmasters on November 16, 1908.

This with simliar notices in the news columns of the daily press, started a large demand for the stamps, so that the office here had to limit the number of books sold to each person An entirely unexpected sensation was created by the publication in an evening paper, of the fact that the new design did not conform to the terms of the Universal Postal Union aggreement, in that the value was not indicated on the stamp by an arabic numeral. The wording on the stamp consisted simply of "U. S. Postage" and "Two cents". The officials of the Postoffice Department appeared to be dumfounded by the criticism, which they admitted was entirely correct, and predictions were made that the stamp would be immediately withdrawn from use, and the comparatively few copies sold became rare and of immense value.

Then the fun began. Bright and early the next morning after the publication of the story of the "Mistake stamps," as they were called, a steady line of people stopped at the three stamp windows of the Washington office, everyone demanding new stamps. The Postoffice took on all the visible appearance of a bank enjoying a "run". Visitors from Manhattan stopped in surprise and wondered if certain well remembered scenes last spring in connection with leading financial institutions of Gotham, were being repeated here in Washington. Even the tempers of the mild-eyed clerks at the stamp windows at length showed signs of wear as the insistent call for stamps "with the word two spelled out" continued Hurried calls were sent to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for more of the stickers, which all day long sold like hot cakes.

All in all it was a great day, especially for Uncle Sam. Here in Washington the Postmaster reports that the sales of the new stamp the first day amounted to about $100, while the second day, after the scare notices, approximately 50,000 stamps, or 4,000 books containing 12 stamps each, were disposed of, for a total of $1,000 Perhaps Uncle Sam can't give a few lessons to the department stores on how to sell goods!

To sum up, from remarks made by the officials, there seems to be no doubt now that the other values of the set will bear their proper numerals; that the 200,000,000 copies of the "mistake" issue will not be destroyed but will be issued in the usual way; that anyhow the clause in the international regulations was only suggestive and in no sense obligatory upon the government subscribing to the agreement. Therefore it is extremely doubtful if any great premuim will attach to the new issue. It is certainly a most dignified and artistic stamp, and the Department is doubtless wise in going slow with changes. However, it is stated that the Bureau already has designs made for stamps of the 1 and 2 cent values that include the arabic numeral, and a decision will shortly be made by the Postmaster General as to whether they shall be engraved and used in place of the present design.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



Questions relative to stamps will be answeres in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included beside the fee above provided for.

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444. Is there any danger of losing money on stamps? Certainly! Just as well as there is danger of losing money on real estate, grain, lumber, railroad shares or anything else that fluctuates in price. It is altogether wrong to make beginners believe that all losses are impossible, or ever improbable. It takes a very wise buyer to pick out those stamps only that will always rise and never slump; though in general all old stamps and all the rarer new stamps are likely to rise rather than to suffer permanent reduction; and thus there is much probability that a large collection wisely bought will not merely hold its price, but will afford some profit. The very large profits are rather the exceptions than the rule. Small collections made with little or no knowledge are apt to cost more than they will ever bring, unless the owner finds some one who is still more gullible than himself. The best side of stamp collecting is not the sure profit that it affords, but the pleasure which the collector derives from collecting. If we look at it in that way, we shall see an advantage which it has over many other pleasures. You cannot eat your pie and keep it at the same time, but you can collect stamps and keep them for a while and enjoy getting and having them; and then, whenever you get tired of them or want your money back that you paid for them, they will never be quite worthless—as the cigar that you smoked yesterday—but will at least bring back to you part of the money you paid for your pleasure and possibly all or more. So, then, if collecting affords you no pleasure, if you could do it merely for pecuniary gain, then I would rather say: Do not begin; you might lose and might then blame stamps for your own fault.

445. How is it that some small dealers offer stamps at 50, 66 2 3 and even 75 per cent cheaper than Scott's prices? There may be three or four. The first is that Scott's prices are mainly based on the Scott Co's stock; if this stock of any particular stamp is small, the price is apt to rise notwithstanding the fact that somebody else may have a much larger stock of the same stamp, who can and will sell it much cheaper to deplenish his stock. Another reason may be that the Scott Co. has a very large patronage and expects to sell at the prices set in its catalogs, while other concerns, in order to build up a patronage, must offer some inducements to buyers and therefore sells in some instances without profit or even with a small loss. A third reason is that the Scott Co is pretty careful to sell good copies only of good stamps except perhaps in some of its packets, while other dealers may wish to sell socalled seconds, i. e., stamps with a perforation missing, unevenly centered, heavily canceled and the like, which can be sold considerably cheaper than faultless copies. A fourth reason that some sell cheaper, much cheaper than the Scott Co. is that they may wish to rush a sale, while the Scott Co. goes along at its old steady gait, or that the lower prices apply to wholesale lots, while the catalog prices are retail prices. There might be still other reasons without imputation of dishonesty on either side

In packets and sets and especially wholesale lots the Scott Co. gives itself a large reduction from the prices in the catalog. What is here said of the Scott Co. is practically true of all the other publishers of catalogs. Then, too, they sometimes commit errors just asw ell as small and cheap dealers do.

436. Mr. Isador Seidman,50 East 115 Str., New York sends the following formulas for making blue prints and offers to answer any questions relating to photography or chemistry, also to furnish any photographic or chemical supplies. He writes:

For Making Blue Print Paper:

Chem pure ferricyanide of potassum 256 grs. Water 4 oz Keep bottle covered with black paper and well covered; 1 drachm equals 8 grains. This solution will keep indefinitely.

A different and more easy way, which should be mixed fresh each time: Citrate of iron & ammonia 80 grs. Water 1-2 oz. Mix equal parts of the above different solutions before coating the paper, and add also to each oz. of solution 1 grain of bromide of potassium. The bromide tends to make the paper work slower, but keeps it fresh.

In writing to Mr. Seidman enclose stamp for reply.

446 Do you want any more counterfeits? Yes and no. Yes, I want them,if they come from honest collectors who would not sell them and have the confidence in me that I shall not abuse but include them in my counterfeit collection. No, I do not want them, if they come from counterfeit makers who try to sell them as genuine stamps or as counterfeits, making a business of such traffic. Nor do I want them from anybody who makes a business of such traffic, or who fears I might abuse them in any way. But this I would like to say to any and all who have counterfeits which they do not wish to keep in their private counterfeit collection, give them to some society that the society may form a counterfeit collection for the use of its counterfeit detector and for the instruction. of its members.

447. What is the value of postage paid marks used prior to the use of postage stamps? They have no settled market value. They are useful though to illustrate how the cash prepayment used to be worked on letters before the introduction of prepaid stamps. Collectors of postmarks may value them and so may collectors of autographs, if the marks are on whole letters with the wr ter's signature. I would not destroy any of such old letters, but would sell them, if I found a buyer for 1 to 5 cents a piece,perhaps for more if I thought that rarity or the autograph justified it. There is a slight possibility that inexperienced persons might confound these postmarks with the costly local or postmasters' stamps of 1845-47 To dispel doubt one should submit his copies to some experienced collector for examination.

Have you ever received a letter robbed of the stamps that had been put on it? If such robbery be committed within the U. S. it is liable to severe punishment, and postal employes have been warned. But how, if the robbery be committed in the international mail where the U. S. has no jurisdiction? The Universal Post Union might take the matter in hand and induce the respective governments belonging to it to make and enforce similar laws as we have here. Who will sign the petition?

Supposed to Contain Dutiable Matter

By L. G. Dorpat

In the November issue of the WEST Mr. H. W. Boers expreses some surprisea at hearing about the long delay in the delivery of matter marked as above. Mr Boers is at an advantage in Detroit, where a revenue officer can be called "from upstairs," and so are all philatelists who live in cities in which a revenue officer is located. Wherever there is no revenue officer the suspected letter or parcel must be opened in the presence of the postmaster, and he must send it by registered mail to the nearest postmaster in whose city there is a revenue officer. There the revenue officer must examine the letter or parcel, and pass or tax it as the case may be. It is then returned to the first postmaster from whom the addressee may get it. According to distances and facilities it may take from one to several days, perhaps a week, to complete this process. Here at Wayside, Wis , we receive our mail by a star route eleven miles over land from the railroad station at Greenleaf. The mail carrier stays at our office about thirty minutes and is usually gone before I can get any registered matter. If any of it is marked "supposed to contain dutiable matter" this will lie idle at our office for 24 hours, and the next day it will be forwarded to Green Bay where the nearest revenue officer resides It arrives there about 9. p. m , and, of course, must wait until the next day before it is examined. If this is done after 7 a.m., it will have to lie idle again until the next day, when it can be brought back to Wayside. Should a Sunday intervene, or should the revenue officer be out of town or otherwise employed, then there may be another additional day. Hence 48 hours is the very least time after which I can possibly obtain such matter. Usually it takes 24 or 48 hours more, sometimes still more—and the whole process is according to the law. There may be places that are more conveniently situated and better connected, but without doubt there are many which have no better, and some that have still worse opportunities, and for all these it would be a great convenience, if postmasters were allowed to pass stamps free of duty without first submitting them for examination to a distant revenue officer.

Another inconvenience is that the officer at Green Bay requires the wrapper of such parcels or the envelope of such letters to be returned to him, which amounts to a confiscation of my personal propeerty. In many instances this may be of little importance, but the principle is wrong, and in all cases where rare stamps, say a Tasmania £1. stamp, were concerned it would be quite an item. I do not think that the revenue officer has any right to demand the return of such envelopes or wrappers, and upon my request, after other four days he sent me back one of the envelopes. But the instance is sufficient to show how annoying the present mode of proceeding may be. Why not simplify it, if that can be done?

All unsealed packages are treated in another way, namely by opening and examining them in New York, Chicago or where else it may be. But all suspected letters and parcels of first class mail are treated as outlined above. I would now like to hear from other collectors and their experience, with a view to making up a petition for amelioration.

The Philatelic Zoo--By K. Nuck

One of the animals that is portrayed upon the stamps of Canada is the beaver. This animal is typical of Canada. for the prosperity of the colony is largely founded on this animal, whose skin has been a valuable article of commerce since the days of the early trappers in the land of the maple-tree. It is, therefore, not surprising that a representative of this interesting rodent is found on some Canadian stamps, i. e., the 3d. of 1851 8 and the first 5c stamp. The beaver (Castar fiber) is a rodent of social habits that was at one time widely distributed over Europe and North America. It is now practically extinct in the former continent, and is said to be in great danger of extermination in the latter where it has hitherto been abundnatly represented. Full-grown animals vary in length from thirty to thirty-six inches. They are covered with short thick fur which is of considerable value, and their structural peculiarities are well worth nothing. The beaver is furnished with sharp incisor teeth with which it is able to bite through fairly large trees, and its fore paws are very strong Its hind feet are webbed, so that it is a powerful swimmer, and its tail is flattened, and serves as an excellent rudder. Its ears are small, and when laid back prevent any water penetrating them.

They generally live in colonies, and show remarkable intelligence and ingenuity in the construction of their homes or "lodges" and in the building of dams, where water in the vicinity of their dwellings has become too shallow to suit their tastes. These dwellings are often constructed on the banks of rivers, but the Canadian beaver is particularly fond of building lodges in the center of large expanses of fairly shallow water. These are made of turf, tree trunks and other materials, and are often used as storehouses for food reserves as well as for living in.

A recent incident of the usefulness of these animals is lately to hand. In northern Ontario the government sent engineers to dam up a certain stream But it was found that the beavers had done the work for them, saving the government the sum of two thousand dollars.

Publisher seen several beavers at London Exposition this year. They drew the largest crowd of any exhibit being in the Canadian Bldg.

The Stamp Journal of Denver though not so voluminous as the WEST, has always something substantial to offer its readers. No. 11 contains some news about the new U. S. gold coins which are now being struck at Denver. It says: "In the newly planned coins the wear will be on the flat surface all over, the design being sunk. This system of counter sinking as applied to coins, is new in numismatics. Bela L. Pratt, an artist at the St. Botolhp studio, Boston, is the designer."—It illustrates the 5 centavos Campeche provisional in possession of Mr. W.C. Bellows, and repeats the startling fact that the cut in the Standard Catalog is the cut of a counterfeit, the difference most easily noticed being that the inscription on the original stamp reads—"ADMON PRAL" (Administration principal) and that on the counterfeit reads "ADMONCRAL" (which is quite senseless). There are other good things in No. 11, for instance a friendly hit at "Brody" for encouraging words regarding the agitation for the A. P. S. Quarterly. The editor says: "It's a great thing to have your neighbors saw your wood for you." We may add: Certainly it is, especially if the neighbors permit us to dig their potatoes for them in turn. The main thing, however, is to keep the A. P. S. Quarterly before our readers, and when that quarterly becomes a reality, we shall bring wood and potatoes together for a picnic meal.

Some Curious and Interesting Postmarks

By W. H. C, of Liverpool, England.

(Continued from last issue.)

Many interesting postmarks are in use in America, and the writer finds much pleasure in the study of R F D.'s and marks used by the postal servants travelling with mail trains. They are a special study and worthy of more attention—and although one of the "side lights" of Philately, they at times are the means of settling many a knotty point and dispute.

At times many out of the way post marks may be met with. In England we have in use the following postmarks which are postmarks proper and not date stamps. Gone no address. Return to sender. Insufficiently addressed. Found open and officially sealed. Posted too late. Late fee paid. More to pay. Again for delivery, etc. In Canada may be found Return for postage. Return to adress and the U. S A. gives us Advertised for. Rural Free Delivery, etc. Spain supplies us with Pacquebot, this applying to letters posted on the mail boats which ply between England, Canary Islands, Madeira, etc. Many letters hailing from India are handstamped Seapost, and it seems to be a generally well understood arrangement by all nations that a large R denotes registered for registered letters, althoghn I have seen letters from Austria hand stamped Recommendirt In Cape Colony may often be seen local letters bearing obliterators C. G. H., evidently old ones as the letters signify Cape of Good Hope and the Cape is really not the Colony, far from it. A few years back thousands of letters arriving in Liverpool from U. S. A. were hand stamped red in circle, U. S ship letter, but I think the practice is falling into disuse. These, and many more out of the way varieties of postmarks form a very interesting collection, when neatly arranged in a large book, but the book must be large to show the specimens off to advantage.

U. S. PERMITS NOT GIVEN BY LONGEE, SENT BY STEWART, WESTPORT, IND.

City	Permit No.	Type	Value	Firm
Chattanooga, Tenn	20	4	1c	Chattanooga Medicine Co.
Marion, Ind	1	4	1c	Standad Glass Co.
	Same handstamped			
Terre Haute, Ind	3	4	1c	Hulman & Co.
Decatur, Ill	4	4	1c	Walrus Mfg. Co.
Indianapolis, Ind	1	3	3c	Eli Lilly Co.
Detroit, Mich	83	4	1c	Box 686.
Chicago, Ill	34	4	1c	Hasterlik Bros.
Chicago, Ill	424	4	1c	?
Chicago, Ill	500	4	1c	The Stein Co.
Cleveland, Ohio	1	1	1c	Sherwin Williams Paint Co.
Morristown, N Y	1	Handstamped	10c	
New York City	175	4	1c	?
Minneapolis Minn	45	3	1c	C. H. Lippincott
Peoria, Ill	5	4	1c	R. W. Kempshall & Co.
St. Louis, Mo	91	4	6c	Nowell S. H. Co.
St. Louis, Mo	186	1	1c	

FOREIGN REVENUE NOTES

By Oscar T. Hartmann

Before me, spread over the table are several hundred bills of exchange. Their final destination having been England but coming from all parts of the world. The majority of them have the foreign bill stamp of 1882 from 1d. to 2£. 10s The tax seems to be one shilling on every 100 pound sterling or fraction over this amount. Below 100 it is divided and the use of the penny stamps accounted for.

Some of the bills of exchange have 3 different countries' revenue stamps on same. For instance, value of exchange 72£. carries a 25 centavos Peru, 32 heller Austria, and a 9 pence England Here is another for 162£ with a 20 paras Turkey, 80 heller Austria, and a one penny (common postage) England The one penny is accounted for England this time being the point of departure. Here one from Odessa, Russia with an impressed tax of 70 kopecs, 10 annas, India, and 9 pence, England.

Another interesting piece comes from Jamaica with some of the Manne Policy of England surcharged "Jamaica" Then several of N. S. W. with impressed duty like 7s, 9s 6d, 11s 6d, 1£ 13s 6d and 5£ 16s. From Victoria, India and many other countries, not to forget a few U. S of 1898. The impressed bill or note on the entire original, being of domestic origin is also interesting. The highest document on record requiring £15,000 bill or note tax belongs to this class. Mostly you find these stamps cut out of the document and the design is varied enough to suit anybody

In another batch of bills of exchange Argentine I see the cancellation: A double lined quadrangle with the inscription Oficina Habilitacion de Valores and Diveccion G'ral de Rentas and date of record between the two lines. This makes me think that a special officer has charge of this transaction. Then I have a batch of common India bank drafts with many names of missionaries and pound and shilling to pave their way.

Do you know that there are also proofs and essays of revenue stamps? I got 4 kinds of the N. Y. Banhurte Co. The 3 dollar value of Hawai, the original $50.00 is scarce article and the proofs are worth having, then the design of the 1869 issue of Buenos Ayres, which is another scarce issue, also the finished proofs of stamps of the Philatelic society of Spain, foreign exchange, and finally a set of 3 Dom Pedro of Brazil, a fine proof but never issued. The empire came to an end. The engraving is in every instance a beauty and shows what can be, if a government desires attractive stamps

Now when you start revenue stamp collecting, bear in mind, that a hole or two punched into stamp is a cancellation and the regulation of that particular country, and without the hole an oversight or neglect. Then the stamps which can be had only used in a half piece. Often you find revenues which have no cancellation whatsoever, but adhering to a piece of document, or no gum. These are considered used.

In next issue a little about double and triple stamps.

Mr. J. M. Thompson of Big Run, Pa., sends out an auction catalogue of stamp papers, in which he offers a large number of complete volumes and some rare single numbers. It seems Pennsylvania is particularly strong in collectors of philtatelic literature.

FASHIONS IN PHILATELY

Shrewd stamp collectors who give an eye to the commercial as well as the sentimental side of the hobby, do not need to be told that relative rarity is not a sure criterion of market value. A great rarity of Mauritius, let us say, is not weighed in quite the same scale, as for instance, a great rarity of Peru, or Siam or Portuguese India. It may be that a stamp of Mauritius of which only a hundred specimens are known to exist, is valued at a higher figure among philatelists than stamps from other countries which are known to be considerably scarcer.

Why is this?

A single word supplies the answer—Fashion. There are fashions in philately as in everything else, and the most fashionable article, other things being equal, naturally commands the highest price. In certain directions, as we are seeking to show, fashionable stamps are run up to a price that is in no way based on their relative rarity. But yet the price is a perfectly justifiable one, since it is based on the law of supply and demand. Many young philatelists fail to see this, and it is in response to certain queries to us that the subject is now touched upon here. In earlier numbers we have devoted much space to the values—the catalogue values, that is—of certain typical classes of stamps, and shown how the market is affected by a sudden boom in this or that country or group of countries. A boom of this sort is seldom a good thing save for those who are the first to profit by the rising values. Others who purchase when prices have been boomed to a fictitious level, find, sooner or later, that they have bought too dearly, and must submit to see their purchases "slump" to something like the true level of value.

Of late years booms have been far less frequent in philately. It is a little startling therefore, to be asked whether we can say when the next philatelic boom is coming along and what particular stamps it will affect. Now had we the gift of prophesy we should, ere this have amassed a considerable fortune. Lacking that gift, we can only guess, and our guess is that there will be no stamp boom this year. Next year there may be or the year after; but as to the country or countries that will form the subject of the boom we dare not venture a prophesy.

In such a matter as this, readers, if they will but put two and two together, can do a deal of useful thinking for themselves Why does a country become philatelically fashionable? There are several conditions to be fulfilled. In the first place, the country's stamps must form an interesting study (as do the stamps of nearly every section.) In the second place, the country must be one that is not too prone to make money out of philatelists by means of commemorative issues, &c., c.; and lastly, the stamps must be taken up by one or other of the leaders of philately, and written about and discussed and catalogued by philatelists of position and authority. Though we place it last, this third condition is perhaps the greatest force of all in forcing the stamps of any country to the front. The predictions of our most eminent collectors have an extraordinary effect on the stamp market, as any professional will readily admit. Such leading collectors, by their own examples, their contributions to philatelic literature, and their own discoveries, arouse interest in the countries they take up. Frequently a boom is the direct result.

One cannot know when the boom is coming, but one can prepare for it

and be ready when it comes. To those readers who wish to collect for profit as well as pleasure, and particularly to the many who have asked our advice as to a good country to specialize, we would say this: Don't follow others, don't go where the soil is exhausted, but strike out a new line for yourself. Select a country fulfilling the conditions we have named, a country that is not yet among the "fashionable," but still is not entirely cold shouldered by leading philatelists, and at some time or another your boom will come.

An all round increase of the number of philatelists is, however, the boom that everyone should hope for and try to bring about, for this would work good to all and harm to none. Even though millions come in, there will still be enough stamps to go round—except of the very scarce ones.

OUR NEW ISSUE--By Gustave H. Fabian, J.Ph.G.

Recently the U. S government printed 200,000,000 of our new issue 2 cent postage stamps. After all had been printed an error was discovered. This error was in expressing the value in letters instead of figures, as required by treaty. It was a very bad blunder to make and some one should be called to account for it.

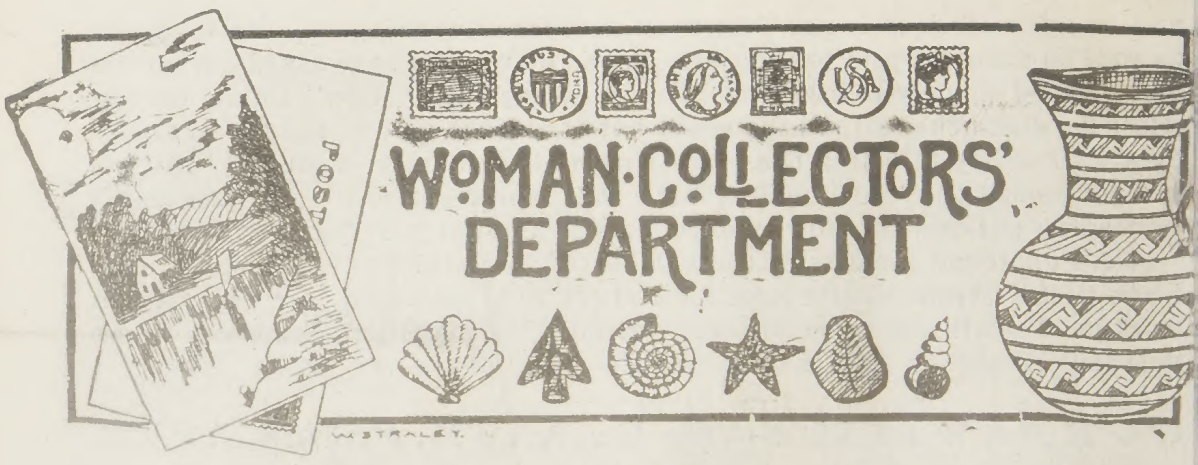
At first it was thought that the new issue of stamps would be recalled and destroyed, and the expense incurred of a re-issue. Our Postmaster General, however, happens to be a practical man and he has decided that the stamps be used in the U. S. for domestic purposes, and, consequently, they will be avaliable in the United States.

As to their use for foreign countries the question is still open to doubt, and it is possible that a new issue will be made for foreign mail. The Universal Postal Convention expressly stipulates that the value be expressed in figures.

All stamp collectors should watch for this error stamp. Collect all you can, as the day will come that they will be rare.

Mr. Luff, in Gibbon's Weekly, as repeated by The Postage Stamp for August 29, says: "I have always contended that one of the first ends of stamp collecting was the amusement of the collector, and if he fancied the stamps of any particular country or group, that was sufficient reason for to collect them, and his so doing was not the affair of anyone else, whatever our personal likes or dislikes might be. So long as stamps are issued under due authority and are used for postage, even to the most trifling extent, the catalogs are bound to recognize them. Their standing being thus established, anyone who chooses to collect them should be at liberty to do so, no matter how unfavorable an opinion of their merits the rest of us may hold". That is undoubedly a word in the right spirit. Why should any one part of the collecting world assume the right to dictate to any other part? I would even go a step farther than Mr. Luff, inasmuch as I think that every collector has the right to collect what he pleases whether it be recognized by the catalogue or not. Uncatalogued varieties and issues have even a special attraction and under certain circumstances may prove highly gratifying objects of collecting.—Dorpat.

Mr. T. L. Renant says that during the last three years he has sold 100 tons or 220,000 pounds of stamps for the Bethlehem Missions. He is one of the advertisers in The WEST.



Reviews and Comments

By Verna Weston Hanway

(American and English publications desiring an impartial review in this periodical will please forward specimen copy marked "For Review" to Miss Verna Weston Hanway, Lk Bx Dallas, Pa.)

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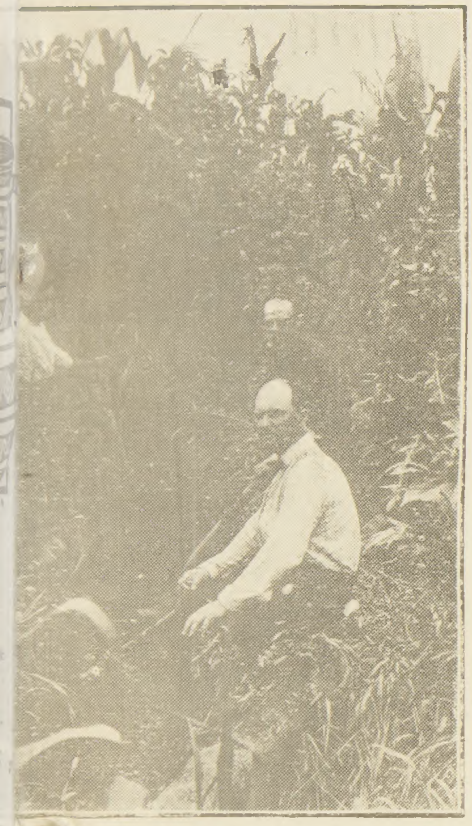
Philatelic Esperanto is in the interests of the Esperanto speaking collectors of the wolrd In a schen e of life in which far too much attention is paid to purely commercial success it is refreshing to meet with a little magazine like this, so obviously a sheer labor of love. The September issue of Philatelic Esperanto is even better than its predecessor, which we reviewed in these columns a few months ago. A few changes in the sizes of types has resulted in a quite material typographical improvement; although good in this respect before.

In a little essay in the Department of Philately, Mr. Park takes the affirmative side of the question having to do with the status of the Aquinaldo stamps. He considers them as much entitled to listing in our "Scott's" as the stamps of the Confederate states, the Carlist stamps, and certain others. A reference list appended to the artic e will prove of service to numerous philatelists.

There is much else of interest in the fourteen pages of this magazine, but in passing we wish to mention a little essay on Ik Marvel as of considerable merit

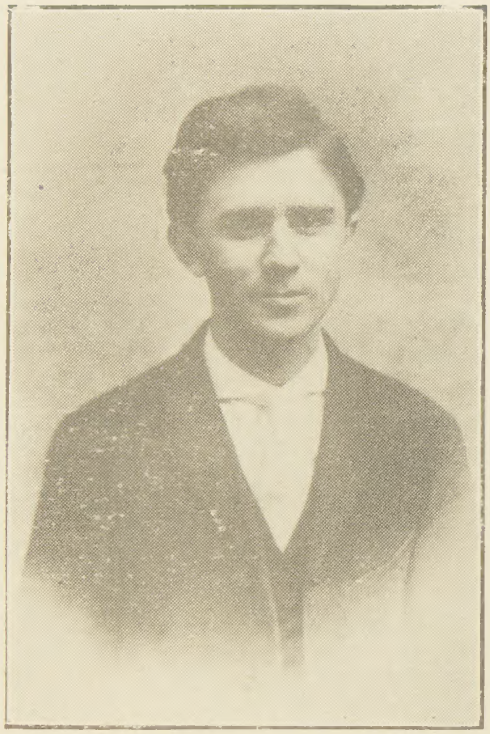
Altogether Philatelic Esperanto is deserving of words of commendation. We would urge any of our readers who are interested in languages, and in Esperanto, to lend their support to E. S. P. C.; and we do not speak in a partisan spirit,but merely as a disinterested outsider appreciating the worth of the society, and its meritable magazine.

Canadian collectors, on the authority of Vol. 1,No. 1,of the "Canadian Collector" are to have a journal of their own. This maiden number of twelve pages (about the size of the defunct "Perforater") is heralded as an "advance copy," and the publishers promise that the succeeding issue will be the "best of any stamp paper published" On the strength of this promise collectors will await the appearance of the October number with pleasure able anticipation. See the oldest Canadian paper has ads in this issue.



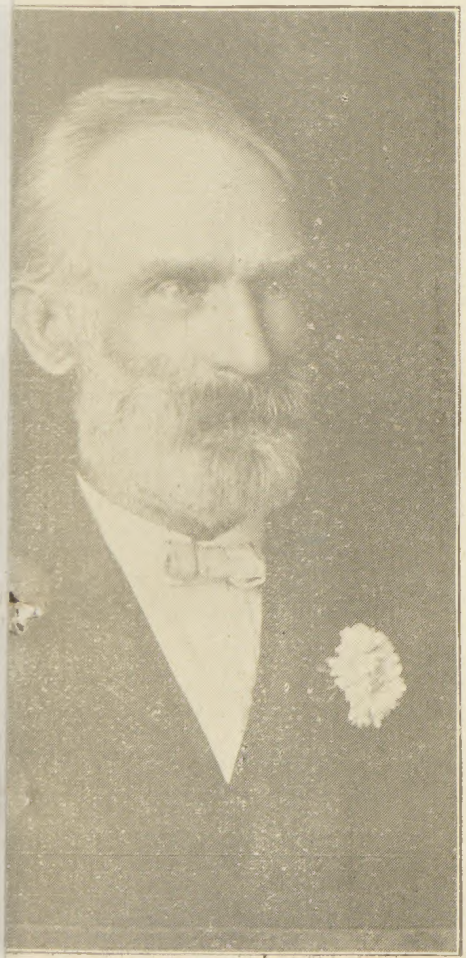
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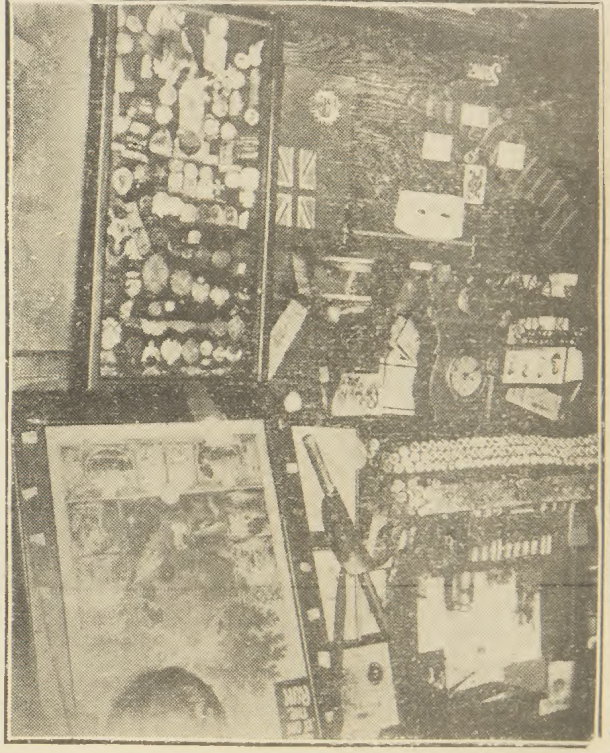
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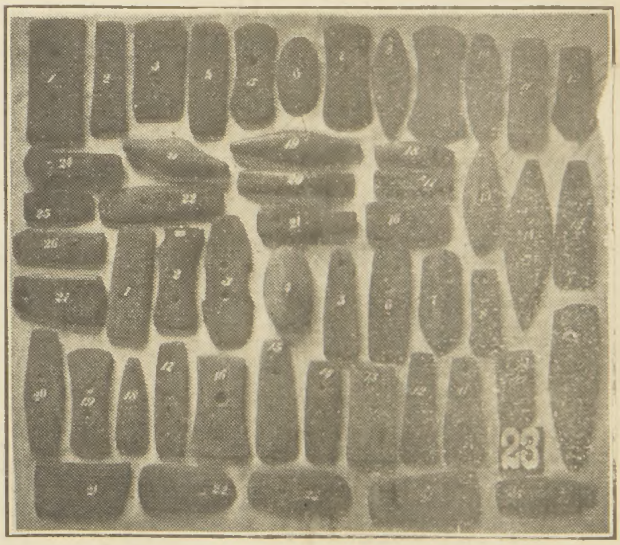


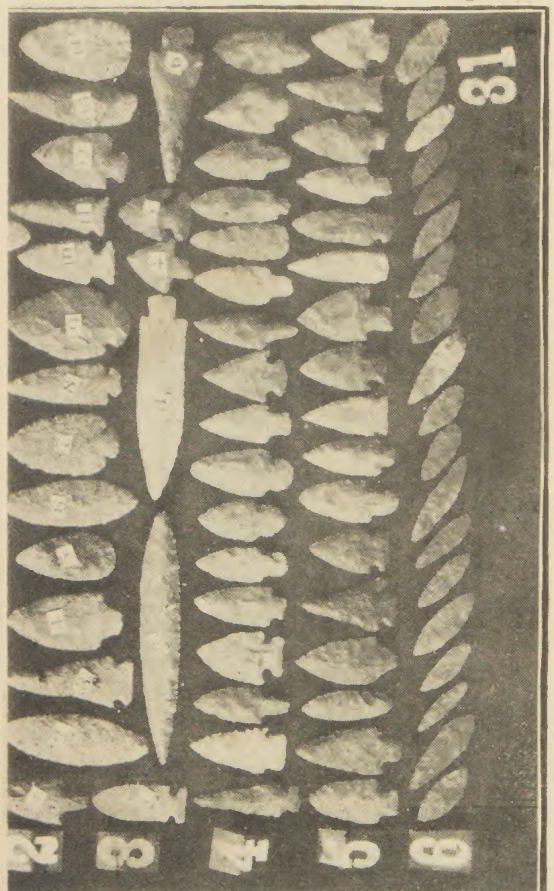


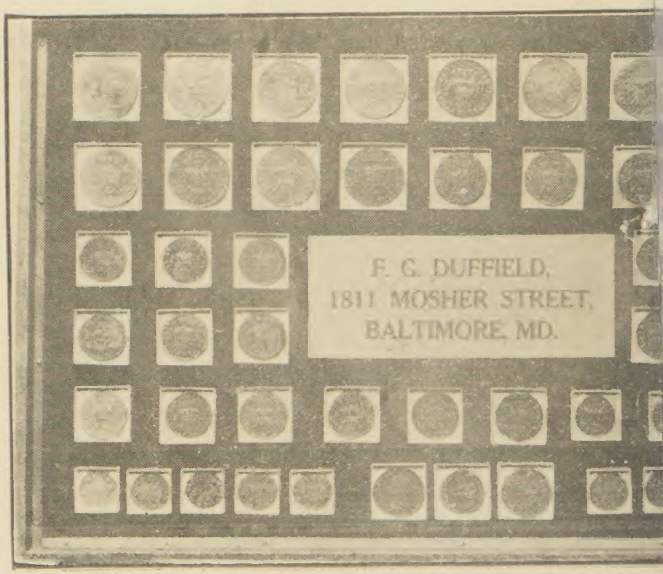
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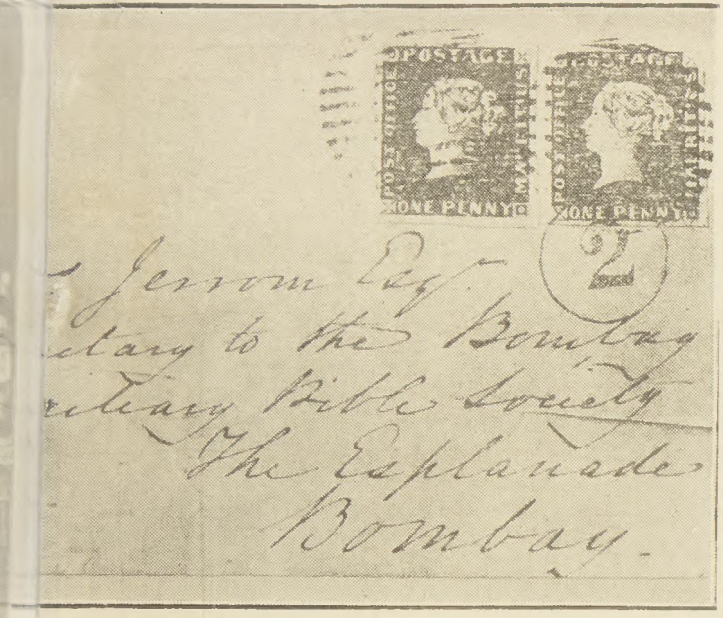
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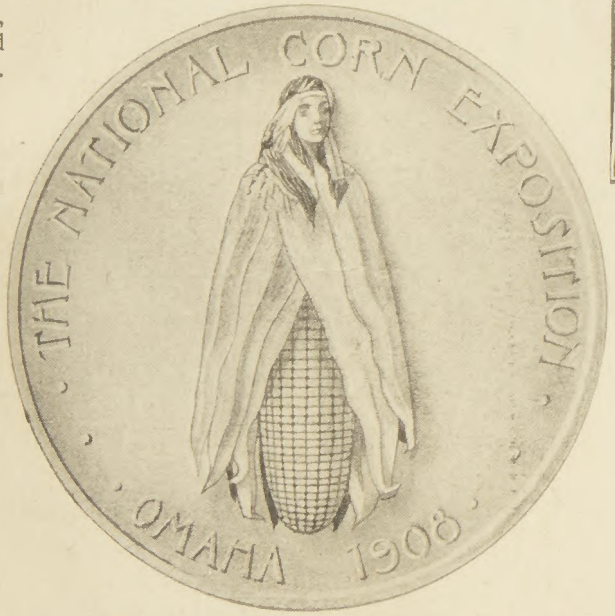
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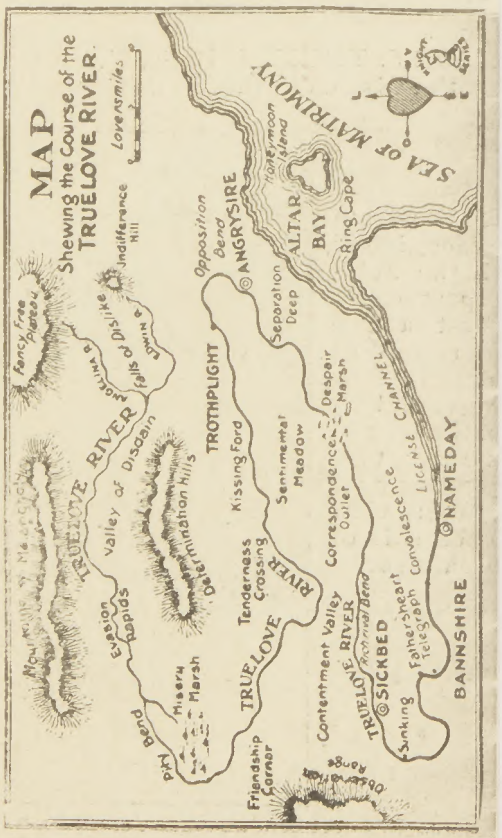


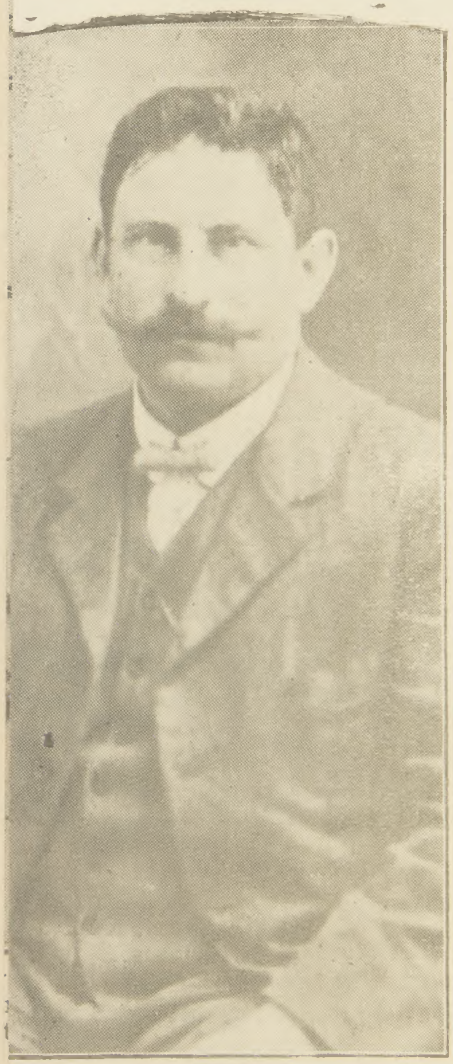




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See his ads in this issue.

Below a popular English Post Card.



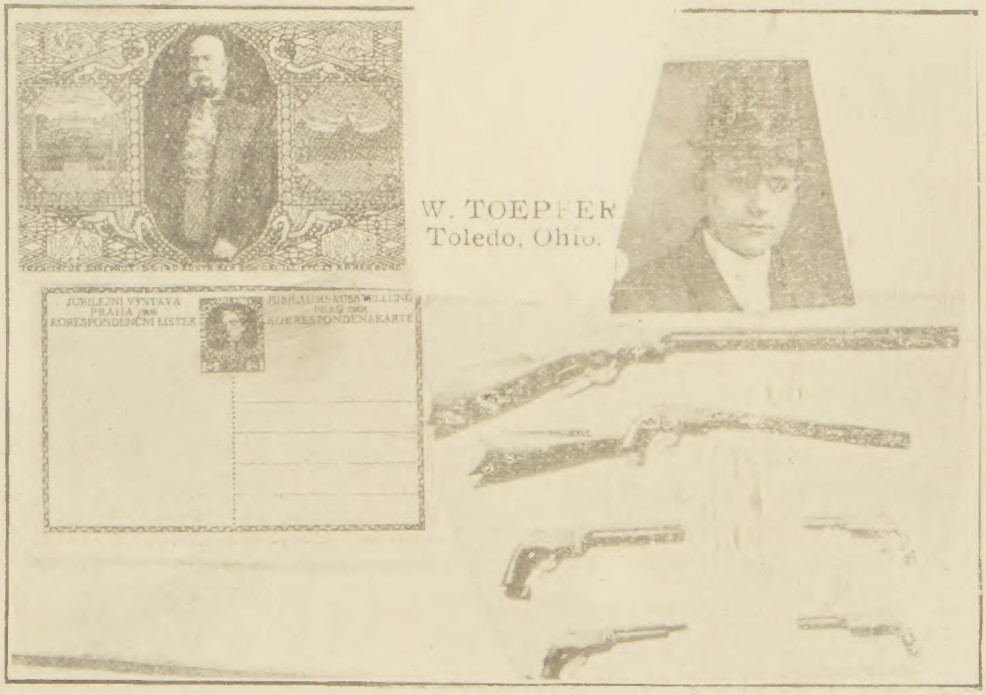


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"HANDS UP", Collector or Kansas Bill, along the Missouri River

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W. TOEPFER
Toledo, Ohio.



Railways & Picture Postcards of Europe

By W. H. Clark of Liverpool, Eng.

Some wise old sage has said that there is nothing new under the sun but the writer begs to differ from him, for after considerable trouble and research, which would almost exhaust a British Museum, I fail to find any record of picture post cards on railways, having been seen "here before" in England.

As a general rule anything of an artistic nature is seldom associated with our railways, and when one comes to think of grimy cuttings, tunnels and engine smoke, with badly painted stations, we must admit that the seamy side is fairly in the ascendant and somewhat responsible for the idea prevalent.

However the object of this paper is not to deal with, or analyze sanitary matters, but to show that what a railway lacks in beauty it makes up in utility, may even at times be somewhat out of place as a sentiment and the majority of our British lines can each boast some redeeming and artistic feature after all. You will have noticed gentle reader that the ways of railway companies although very much permanent are liken unto a flock of sheep for when any individual company makes a "put at anything" all the others do likewise—" 'tis strange but true." And many instances can be given in proof of the assertion but—to our picture post cards, the history of which although far from ancient is worth a passing thought.

Picture post cards first made their appearnce about 30 years ago in Europe, many good cards hailing from Ulm in Wurttemburg, followed by others from Vienna in Austria and Boulougne in France, but at the time only three quarter views were published, followed two years later by cards issued in our own country, showing very small views from two to three inches square, but as the post office people were speedily shown the error of their ways and allowed the front half of a private post card to be used for correspondence. This gave to publishers a great opportunity, that the whole of the back of a post card could be used for illustrating and from that time

forward the picture postcard has never looked back.

Just twelve months following the issue of cards in this country the "craze" caught on in America, and here for once we can charge our cousins across the pond at being behind time in lacking creation, and some of the first picture postcards they produced were worse than our own and very primitive objects in black and white, with views about 1¼ inches square.

The next stage in the history of Philocarty was taken by private firms each having an axe to grind, who were not slow to illustrate the beauties of gay Matlock, or any other lock, also a slight hint that whil'st on tour there, it might be beneficial to try Beat-ails Cocoa or Drinkits Whiskey. Then steamship companies suddenly discovered that they had saloons to advertise and it would be just as well if they put them in color on the back of a postcard, just to show the quality of the goods for disposal, followed by the companies quoting for "best lards' and giving a good view of the establishment from which the said lards were produced, and warranted "home made" at that. From Colliery to the railway is a step in the right direction and at last it just as suddenly dawned on our conservative and liberal railway management, that they might as well be in the fashion as out of it and it actually came to pass that our premier railway the L. & N. W. Co. was the first to dabble in Philocarty (the new name for picture post card collecting) although the Midland Railway Co. ran them very close in the matter, and I recollect some years ago purchasing for one penny a stamped Midand Post card illustrating Millers Dale from an Automatic postcard delivery machine in Southampton West Railway Station and should be pleased to learn that the machine—which took the form of an attractive Pillar box painted bright red) was still at work there. The L. &. N. W. R'ly Co. issue a good many sets of high class picture postcards, the sale of which has reached over eight millions yearly and are issued in neat packets generally six cards for two pence, but the Company's emblem, coat of arms or guiding angel printed on the illustrated side, destroys the card's value somewhat, and if they will only take a gentle hint from the writer, this enterprising Co. will do its advertising on the blank side in future, and so add to its already enormous sales yearly The subjects range from Tunnels to Saloons, Signals to Mail Vans and Scissor crossings to Steamships.

The Lancashire and Yorkshire Co. issue some highly colored views illustrating "show" places along their line. The production is excellent, two cards particularly, Kirktall Abbey near Leed and Lockwood viaduct at Huddersfield are well worth mention Moreover this company has an eye on the main chance and prints its emblem of usefulness on the front of the card, between the words post and card By this means an eyesore is avoided, for we all admit things of beauty are joys forever, which category includes picture postcards

Many other companies have issued good and cheap sets of postcards, and I am told that some of the railway managements give a small commission to the booking clerks on the sales effected, by way of encouragement.

Some railway Co's whose wishes are not exactly based on Art Gallery prinicples, send out cards showing views of docks, coal tips and goods warehouses with minature ground plans of sidings etc. Others more active desire to remind Mr. So and So that his season ticket expires on the following Saturday and will thank him for early renewal. Then again we are told by another hustlnig railway Co that the undermentioned goods are awaiting our esteemed instructions at such and such a place, pending disposal. More-

over, that cheap trips are issued as over to Wind by the Sea, on the W. and S. line, very cleverly illustrated in colors for our benefit on the particular postcard sent.

And so the writer could go on, but I think sufficient has been written to show that even a simple picture postcard can be turned to good account; also, that it has a mission to fulfill and may be ever a source of pleasure to the receiver, and profit to the sender, escaping as much railway matter does, in the end, the simple W. P. B. of fame.

When the picture postcards came out a few years ago, originating in France, you thought they were a distinct novelty, didn't you? queries the Kansas City Journal. If you had been living about 1865 in this country and had occasion to handle a great deal of mail during those troubled times you would know that such was not the case. A species of picture envelope answering all the purposes of the modern postcard and almost as decorative was very much in vogue in those days. A collection of the picture envelopes, about 300 in number, has just been presented to the Kansas City museum by Mrs. Madison W. St. Clair and are on display at the public library. They were collected by her husband, the late Madison St. Clair. The pictures occur invariably on the side of the envelope on which the address is written. Among the most handsome are several decorated Union flags on which the address was supposed to be written between the red lines. Most of the pictures, which are in brilliant colors, are of a patriotic nature. Pictures of popular leaders such as Lincoln, whose picture occurs more times than any other, McClellan, General Butler, and others. A bit of verse is frequently printed below the picture. Benjamin Franklin's likeness is most popular, next to Lincoln's. A few comics are found. For instance, one drawing portrays a hog, representing the United States, with the legend, "Whole or none." Only a few of the envelopes seem to have been got out by the Confederates The Confederate flag makes a handsome appearance and the picture of Jefferon Davis is also found often.

POSTCARD CODE FOR SWEETHEARTS.

In cold type Captain D. H. Bernard of London has issued "The Postcard Code," with the avowed intention of enabling "business or tender messages" to be exchanged by postcard. "No longer," he promises, "will the servant or postman be able to read your private messages; no longer will parents scowl or the sister's brother tease her." The emotional combination of figures are elastic enough to include the almost slangy 17,509, "What What?" and the semi-tragic 18,994, "Engagement can not be kept secret any longer." A sample post card would run as follows: "19,863, 19,037? 18,104, 17,871 and 18,271, 17,500, 18,808. Henry." Translation—"Would you be annoyed if I ask you to elope? Please make all necessary arrangements for marriage. I beg to offer you myself and lots of love and kisses Will you?—From your own ever-loving Henry." In case the stern parent should possess himself of a code-book the author obligingly suggests that a preconcerted number should be added or subtracted to baffle unwelcome investigators. Thus, if twenty be the number agreed to be subtracted the heart-throbs of "18,270 (which condenses 'Kisses galore, these, and a thousand more')" becomes the chilly, non-committal "18,290," which merely states, "I shall keep this matter before me." If the "Postcard Code" smooths the "path of true love"—17,539—it will not have been in vain.

Address of Lyman H. Low, at Phila., Pa

(Continued from last issue.)

A buyer who gives an unlimited bid for a lot in an auction sale, runs a dangerous risk of disappointment. It is equally a mistake to instruct your commissioner to use his judgement, unless some intimation of value is communicated. Purchases made under such conditions too often result in dissatisfaction, and sometimes in unpleasant feelings,—the views of the buyer and his agent not concurring. The better way is first to obtain an opinion as to what the lot or piece, in the judgement of the dealer, may sell for, and then make a definite offer for it, and stand by the result. Again, too much care cannot be given to preparing bids for a sale. Make your figures plain and unmistakable, and be sure that the lot numbers are the ones you desire to bid on. Much confusion follows errors in this direction, and they are very difficult to adjust. The matter concerns not only the buyer, but the owner who has been informed of the results as well as the expert and those who have made unsuccessful bids, which would perhaps have secured the lot but for the error.

A word on Books of Reference. Much satisfaction and success is obtained by the collector who forms a Library and reads it. What others have learned by their studies, recorded and put into print, particularly those who have treated some special series, is at his command, and is of value to him. One may intelligently collect by such a guide, besides saving a great deal of time. He who reads with care, certainly has the advantage over those who do not have, or fail to consult, text-books. It is not too much to say that every branch of the science has been reviewed and in some instances by many authors. With very few exceptions the most modern compilations are considered the best. They generally gather the good results obtained by their predecessors, eliminate or expose their errors, and record the new theories with additional facts which have been carefully worked out. Generally, however, the pioneer furnishes the foundation, besides giving information that might be very difficult for later students to obtain. New and old authorities should be sought for and searched by students, and what one author has omitted may be of special interest to others.

The field for collecting is very large, and indeed practically unlimited. It is often the case that a beginner seizes everything, particularly if the "attack" upon him is severe. It is more than likely, as time goes on, that he will settle upon some branch that has proved specially attractive to him, and then his best efforts will be developed. Collectors like these furnish welcome contributions to the literature on our favorite science. Many dark ways have thus been illuminated and mysteries solved.

On counterfeiting and impositions. The incentive to imitate rare pieces as always been present and in the United States series the field has been large. Fom 1793 to 1856 every rarity of note has its imitations. Electrotypes when artistically made, are the most apt to pass without suspicion, but the sealing of the two parts together,—for the obverse and reverse must of course be produced separately—will reveal their falsity. Those not so skillfully made may have very good surfaces, but the edges will be found to have fine lines, the mark of a file running around the circle, not crosswise.

The most dangerous imposition is made by the mating or muling process of two pieces. The obverse or reverse is bored out or cut to the edge,

a cup form, and into this, one side of another coin is fitted. The border ine or circle hides the insertion, and thus the original edge—usually a guide n detecting frauds—remains intact.

Casts are the most easily detected They simply require close inspection, when the coarseness of the surface will be observed. They are frequently tooled, but such attemps to improve, seldom deceive a careful eye. False pieces are occasionally holed and sometimes gilded or silvered, they re so defaced that their condition may further parry suspicion Amusement is now and then the parent of counterfeits, especially electrotypes; but downright fraud with the intention and hope of gain, is the incentive in most cases.

Finally, the counterfeits of Colonial pieces struck from dies, made by J. A. Bolen, and the half cents of 1796, made under the direction of Dr. Edwards, are not easily distinguished from genuine pieces, inasmuch as the workmanship is excellent: they are splendid imitations and of a very different style of execution from those previously mentioned

Much more might be said on this subject, but it is of sufficient importance to be discussed in a carefully prepared paper or address.

It is a good rule not to accept, as genuine, any piece which meets with your disfavor upon first sight. However slight your suspicions are, I assure you they will never be improved or removed.

A hint upon the use of a magnifying glass The natural eye in its youth and perection, is unequal to the critical examination of pieces, in the search for varieltes aud peculiarities in dies, and for the detection of alterations and forgeries. Accustom yourselves to this helper, which leads to ease, comfort and knowledge

In the matter of ephemeral issues especially, too little is thought of the events which evoked them While we are in a position to obtain facts in detail, we should secure and record them. They may prove of vital interest —if not to us, to some future collector. How much value, a knowledge of the occasion of some of these pieces would give to local history, no one knows better than he whose search for information has been baffled in spite of his most strenuous efforts, but which some careful collector might have permanently recorded when the piece appeared. We may laugh at the obsequious adulation of Boswell, but without his record of what others thought were trifles, how little should we know of the private life of his ponderous idol, the famous philosopher, Dr. Samuel Johnson!

$18,000 FOR TWO VASES.

At London the china collection of the Earl of Lauderdale, removed from Thirlestone Castle. Berwickshire, Mr. Asher Wertheimer paid $18,000 guineas for a pair of Sevres vases and covers with fine gros blue ground, each painted with Cupids in a landscape in an oval panel, and on the reverse a view of a river scene with buildings and peasants.

A fan, of the late seventeenth century, painted with classical figures in gilt foliage borders, and with handle of rock crystal set witn diamonds and emeralds, was sold for $770.

Several stone cists which have been declared by archaeological experts to belong to the Bronze Age, have been dug up in a garden at Stevenston, Ayrshire.

MINERALOGY



EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles etc. to this Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive Mont., will be answered as far as possible in this dept.—Forest Gaines]

The Scientific American says that a German firm has brought out a new process for melting silica and for molding it in various forms, using the principle of the electric furnace. The silica (quartz, etc) is fused in a special type of furnace, and to this end it is placed in a carbon tube which is mounted horizontally or vertically as desired. This tube forms one of the electrodes of the furnace, and it is inserted in a larger tube which is used as the second electrode. In the place between the tubes is placed carbon powder or other conducting substance One end of the inner tube is closed by a removable stopper. The outside of the large tube is closed by a cover which has such shape that it can be inserted more or less in the melted matter of the inner tube A suitable housing of firebrick incloses the whole. The current is passed between the two carbon pieces and the heat causes the melting of the silica in the best manner. When the silica is entirely fused it can be taken from the mold in the form of a solid block. On the other hand it can be molded by using an inner core which is placed in the above mentioned tube, so as to compress the silica within the latter. Steam or compressed air can be used to give the needed pressure for the molding process. At the conclusion of the process the end of the mold is removed and the silica is driven out by means of the movable piece

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The New York Museum of Natural History has recently obtained a gigantic duckbill dinosaur from Wyoming. The skeleton was found by cowboys at a point about 135 miles from Miles City, Mont. Barnum Brown, one of the museum fossil hunters, was informed of the find and after examining this skeleton purchased it as it lay in the ground. The bones were unearthed after about three weeks of careful digging and it was found that the skeleton was nearly complete. Some idea of this gigantic monster may be had by comparing it with present day animals. The position in which the skeleton was found showed plainly that it must have sunk in the soft ooze of a river or lake. It was covered by deposits of sediment and during the ages it petrified. It took two weeks to haul the fossil remains to the nearest station The skeleton shows a large head four feet long and two feet wide, and almost 2,000 teeth. These animals were principally acquatic, wading in and living around the rivers. The tail was deep and narrow, and was used principally as an organ for swimming, acting as a propeller. The tail also probably served to balance the body when the animal reared up.

A Kolumn for Kansas Kollectors

By George J. Remsburg

Cy Smith, toll collector at the Atchison bridge, collects something else ides bridge toll. He has a very interesting collection of curios at his me in Northwest Atc ison —Atchison Daily Champion

Will Blomberg, of 1503 Atchison street, is secretary-treasurer of the llector's Union, an organization of curio collectors. This society has mbers in all parts of the world and its object is to stimulate an interest natural history, philatelic, and all branches of scientific collecting and dy. Mr. Blomberg is an enthusiastic collector.—Atchison Daily Globe.

Mrs J. P. Adams, of Atchison, has among her family heirlooms, a book itled, "The Wonders of the Little World and a Complete History of nkind," printed in 1671, by Rev Wamley, which she prizes very highly. will be one of the int resting exhibits at the relic display given by the ughters of the Revolution, in Atchison, this winter.

Benjamin P. Unruh has signed deeds to several acres of property on ich stands historic Pawnee Rock in Barton county, and delivered them to s. John S. Simmons of this city, president of the Women's Kansas Day ib, and her associates. By this transaction this historic spot becomes the perty of the state of Kansas, to be a public park. The property involved about ten acres in extent, consisting of a five-acre tract on which the fa- ous rock stands and a driveway to the park from the village of Pawnee ck. Except for a few acres embraced in the driveway, the property is a e gift of Mr. Unruh to the state, in consideration of certain improvements be made on the property by the Women's Kansas Day club. The cost of ese improvements is to be $4,000 of which sum approximately $3.000 has eady been made. Of the $3,000 already in hand $1,000 was subscribed by e citizens of Pawnee Rock, about the same amount raised through the efforts the Women's Kansas Day club, the Daughters of the Amercan Revolu- n and other patriotic organizations and individuals and about $1,000 worth materials contributed to go into the improvements to be made on the site. wnee Rock is a sandstone promontory projecting out at a height of 20 feet more upon the Arkansas river bottoms It is a famous camping place on e Santa Fe trail and the face of the rocks are covered with the names of any travelers, and at one time even bore numerous Indian hieroglyphics. adition has it that a great Indian battle was once fought here.

Several more skulls from the Gilder mound at Florence arrived at the br. Uni museum recently. R. F. Gilder has been working on the mound r several days and he has unearthed several new specimens which are in a tter preserved condition than the previous ones. Whether or not the ulls prove anything definite about the early men in Nebraska, Professor arbour will not express himself until he has made a more thorough inspec- n of the bones. All of the skulls are different from those of the white n but it seems probable that they are only the skulls of a now extinct ce of red men.

The famous collection of butterflies and moths belonging to the late erman Strecker of Reading, Pa., has been sold to the Field Museum of atural History, Chicago, by Mrs. Strecker for $20,000. The collection is id to be the finest in the world.



EDITOR'S NOTE. The editor of this department would like to receive papers, magazin books, etc. dealing with the subjects of Archeology and Conchology for review; also would appre ate clippings or accounts of discoveries along the lines of Indian relics and shells. Proper cre will be given. Address, W. Straley, Nelson, Nebr.

Otis T. Mason, head curator of the Department of Anthropology of th United States National Museum, Washington, D. C., died November 5, as result of paralysis, at the age of 70 years. He was the oldest scientist the Smithsonian institution. It is said that Prof Mason's first specialt was "the relation between the physical conditions of Biblical lands and th history and character of the various races which have ruled them;" and th he had mastered the Oriental languages. He was prevailed upon by Prof Henry of the Smithsonian Institution to give up the study of Orientalism and take up the American Indian, past and present. "It was a hard blo to be advised to abandon the studies which had been pursued so assiduously but Prof. Mason appreciated the wisdom of the remarks, and started life al over again as a student of American aborigines. He began by rearrangin the anthropological collection in the National museum under the direction of Prof. Henry, and with this as a basis took up the history of the American aborigines and their arts. He has become the foremost man in his specialty and his word is accepted as decisive upon all matters pertaining to prehis toric America." All students of the American Indian and the archaeology of the continent owe Prof. Mason much for the vast amount of information and literature left behind as a result of his many years spent in research.

Supplement 1, Bulletin 51: A List of the Publications of the United States National Museums, 1901-1906, is a very handy pamphlet to keep at your elbow if interested in the researches and doings of the Smithsonian Institution.

The Indian scare has died out. The facts are that the alarm arose from a small band of Cheyenne hunting in western Kansas. Govenor Nance received today full assurances that no hostilities were in the state, and no depredations committed. Indignation is felt that the authorities should al low Indians to wander through the settled portions of the country so recent ly raided. The fright was natural and excusable.—Hebron Journal, Septem ber 22, 1882.

In summing up the results of recent archeological study in America, Doctor Capitan, who occupies the chair of American antiquities in the Col lege de France, remarks that the evolution of the primitive peoples of the

ew World was identical with that of the earliest inhabitants of Europe. the beginning they lived a wandering life, and were particularly occupied defending themselves against large and fierce animals which are now extinct. America has its kitchen middens precisely like those of Denmark. he relics of primitive industry found in these shells heaps are also identical form, although those of America are often more perfect in execution. he succession of cut stone, polished stone and engraved stone implements the same. In America as in Europe a race of cave dwellers succeeded the rly wanderers who had no fixed abodes. Some of the modern dwellers in e rocks, especially in Argentina, perpetuated the fashion of their remote cestors in ornamenting the walls of their caverns with sculptures and intings.

The 58th monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, Nov. 6th, President Virgil M. Brand presiding. The following members were present: Messrs Baker, Loer, Ripstra, Lewis, Kelly, Jerrems, Green, Verkle, McDonald, V. M. Brand, Simpson, Excell, Leon and Doctors Merrill and Bert.

Messrs. Oliver Leon and A. T. McKay were present as visitors. Messrs. ert Roehling, A. T. McKay and H. S. Rosenberg were elected to membership.

Under exhibits Mr Leon showed a copper pattern of the $5.00 piece of he Massachusetts and Cal fornia Company; and Mr. Brand a gold 6 ducat iece of Berne, a 100 crown piece of Austria and 50 stivers of Holland in ronze, silver and gold from the dies of the silver piece.

Magazines received were the Philatelic West, Spink's Numismatic Circular, Numimatischer Verkehr and Mehl's Monthly for October. Auction catalogs were received from Elder, Green, Dr. Hirsch (3), Low and St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co A priced catalog was received from Green

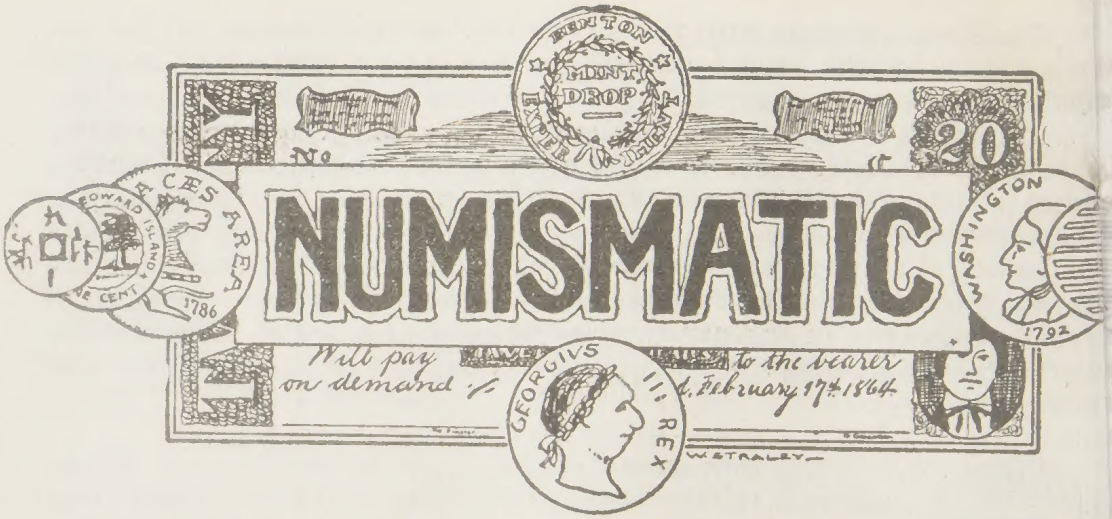
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B n G. Green, Secretary.

THE FINDING OF A PETRIFIED FROG.

One spring morning in 1907 I went out for a morning stroll and happened to go to a place where there had been limetone mined for use in this vicinity. I was of course looking around to see something of unusual interest and found several pieces of stone with fern impressions in them which gave evidence that where the lime stone mine was now that centuries ago was a mountain of ferns and shrubs as not only ferns were found but deep impressions in the stone of small trees, bugs, etc I was just about to depart from the place when my eye caught on to a stone sticking out of the mud which resembled a frog's foot Upon seeing this I hastily uncovered the supposed frog and found it to meet far better than my expectations. It was a petrified frog that happened to be covered over with dirt or clay just as he was about to leap, and caught in this position he had perhaps been buried there for centuries.—Harr F. Blanchard, South Glens Falls, N. Y.

At a sale of curios at London sale rooms, the skull of General Bellinger, with two bullet holes in it, was sold for $2 60.



Inscriptions Found on Old Colonial Coin.

By E. G. Brown, Courtesey of John A. Bash

The motto "E pluribus unum" has done duty upon nearly every United States coin issued since the establishment of the mint in 1792 and even goes back to the days when individual states struck their own coins The origin of the motto is rather uncertain. There is evidence that it did not originate in the colonies, nor was it brought into being, as many have supposed, by the conditions which existed in this country in the latter half of the eighteenth century. It seems to have been derived from a foreign source. This motto is found on the title page of an English publication, the Glatternans Magazine, about 1690. It was first used in America on the copper cent of 1786, issued by the state of New Jersey, and known as the Nova Caesararea cent.

In 1786 a law was passed by the legislature of New Jersey for coining copper cents, which were to be made ' in the state, of such device and impression as should be directed by the Justices of the Supreme Court, or any one of them." Whether the justice had anything to do with the selection of the motto is uncertain. They seem to have taken very little interest in the matter, and left the design to the first New Jersey mint master, Walter Mould, a coiner at Burmingham, England, who had emigrated to America and set up his plant at Morristown The motto was borne by all the many varieties of cents struck by Mould and other coiners in the the state during the three years of coinage, 1786, 1778 and 1788.

In 1778 Ephriam Brasher adopted the legend for the famous New York doubloon, struck in gold, which has since become the highest priced coin in the world, $6,200 having been paid for it about a year ago at the Stickney sale. On this coin, however, there is a slight variation in the reading of the legend, "Unum e pluribus."

Several issues of the New York copper cents dated 1787 bore the motto "E pluribus unum." It appeared on the "Immune Columbia', series dated 1787, the Kentucky cent dated 1781, and one variety of the Washington cent of the same date.

The early engravers were fond of placing mottoes upon coins, usually in Latin. On the Maryland coins, known as the coinage of Lord Baltimore—shillings, sixpence, groats and pennies,—the legend generally used was

Crescite et multplicamini,'' ''Increase and multiply.''

The New Hampshire cent of 1776, said to be the first coin used by one the United States, bore the inscription ''American liberty,'' with the ne tree as one of the chief devices

The New York cents struck at Newburgh usually bore the motto ''Inde lib,'' ''Independence and liberty,'' which inscription was shown by the any varieties of cents struck in the state of Connectiuct. One variety of ew York cents, bore the inscription ''Virt et lib,'' ''virtue and liberty.''

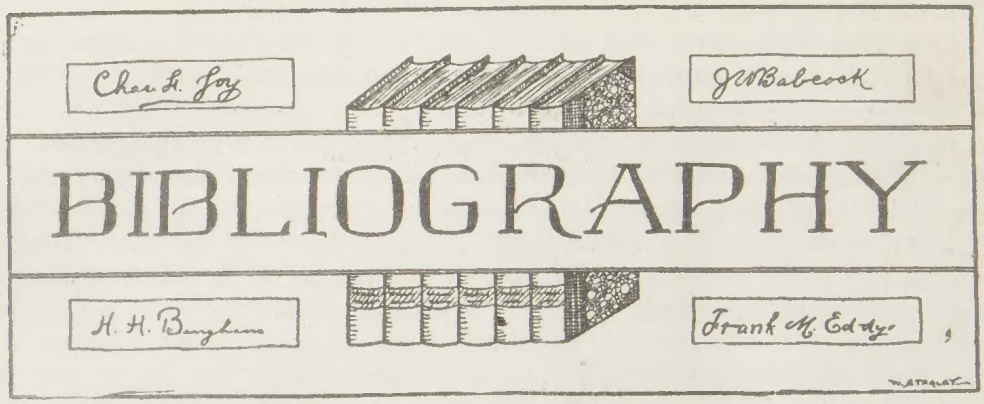
A number of states issued ''Immune Columbia'' or free Columbia,cents. he reverse die of this piece seems to have been used in conjunction with ne of the regular dies used in Vermont, New York and New Jersey. The esign represented the goddess of liberty, seated, upholding with one hand ne seal of justice, with the other grasping a flag which falls from a liberty aff, surmounted by a liberty cap.

The inscription on the Massachusetts copper coinage was simply the ord ''Commonwealth.'' A rare Massachusetts coin bears the inscription, 'God preserve New England.'' An extremely rare variety of the Massachuetts copper, dated 1776, contained the legend, ''Liberty and virtue,'' and is upposed to be the first pattern for the Massachusetts cent.

The Carolinas were credited with a coin of the same character as one of he Massachusetts issues, it having the same form of elephant on one side; ut the inscription reads, ''God preserve Carolina and the lords proprietor.'' The coin was issued in 1694

The copper coin known as the Louisiana cent, struck in France as early as 1721 for use in America, bore the inscription' ''Benedictum sit nomen Domini,'' ''Blessed be the name of the Lord.'' This was the favorite inscription with the French engravers, and many of the French coins of that period contained it The first Continental dollar, one of the rarest of American coins, a silver specimen of which sold for $500 some time ago, was dated 1776, and inscribed ''American congress—we are one.'' This coin, together with the Fugio cent of later issue, bore the motto, ''Mind your own business.'' One of the rarest of the early coins, showing an Indian seated upon a globe, and holdng a bunch of tobacco in his right hand, and dated 1778, has the inscription, Non dependens status '' Independent of position ''

An extremley rare and interesting copper of the ''Confederate'' series, shows an Indian standing beside an altar, his right foot upon a crown, arrows and bow in hand, surrounded by the inscription, ''Inimica tyrannis America'' ''America hostile to tyrants.'' This coin possessed an added interest for the reason that the reverse in all probability a working out design for a crown, one coin in a series suggested by Robert Morris, financer of the Revolution. He suggested that a gold crown be struck, which should bear the design of an Indian with his bow in his left hand,and in his right hand thirteen arrows, and his right foot on a crown with the inscription, ''Manus inimica tyrannis '' The series was to comprise quarters, pence,bits, dollars and crowns—ten quarterss to make one penny, ten bits to make one dollar, and ten dollars, one crown A specimen of this coin recently brought $800 One of the rarest Washington coins, 1786 shows the general's portrait and the inscription,''Non vi virtute vici,''''I conquered by virtue,not by force.'' Another rare copper showed an Indian,and the inscription ''Liber natus libertalum defends,'' ''Being born free I defend liberty.'' This is one variety of the rare series of cents struck for use in New York, and a specimen sold for $850 last summer.



AUTOGRAPH TALK

From the Collector.

Coin collectors, stamp collectors, china collectors and collectors of many other kinds have their societies, most of which are flourishing. There is no society of autograph collectors, nor is there likely to be any for a long time to come. Autograph collectors range in variety from the autograph fiend who persecutes celebrities for their signatures and delights in responses to requests for autographs, to the "ignorant rich" collector whose money enables him to accumulate any rarity that attracts his wandering attention. The first puts almost no money into the pursuit, the latter puts a great deal and generally wastes the most of it in foolish prices. Both are about equally deserving of respect.

There remain three other kinds of autograph collectors who may be classed as the collector of signatures in series, the collector of letters, and the collector of historical documents. A few hundred signatures placed at random in an album is not of much interest but a large collection arranged in sets, or by countries with portraits, clippings, etc , is a valuable possession. Still better is a collection of letters. A man's character may be expressed by his signature, but a letter is much superior as an index of character, as it expresses his thought, and shows his handwriting more completely. It is also much rarer.

The best of all is a collection of letters and documents of interesting historical contents. These are of value to the historian, and shed a bright light on the times on which they were written. They bring much higher prices at sales.

How could these five varieties of autograph collectors be brought together into a society? Would the St. Louis collector who pays $1000 for some item worth $25, consent to associate with any collector who expects to get the value of his money? Would Mr. Morgan, who seems to be trying to corner sets of the Signers, care for a collection of cheap signatures? An autograph collection is a very private personal collection, for the peculiar and separate enjoyment of the owner. As a rule he doesn't say much about it. He doesn't care to be classed with the fiends. He likes to go over it in secret. When he reads some book and finds the name of some celebrity, it is a pleasure to turn to his collection and read over the letter he has of that man. It brings the man right alongside of him. If he finds he has no specimen and can afford to get one, he starts out after it. Few people have ever seen the great collection of Simon Gratz of Philadelphia. He has pretty much everything and its value must run up into the tens of thousands. It is to go, I understand, to the Pennsylvania Historical Society, after Mr.

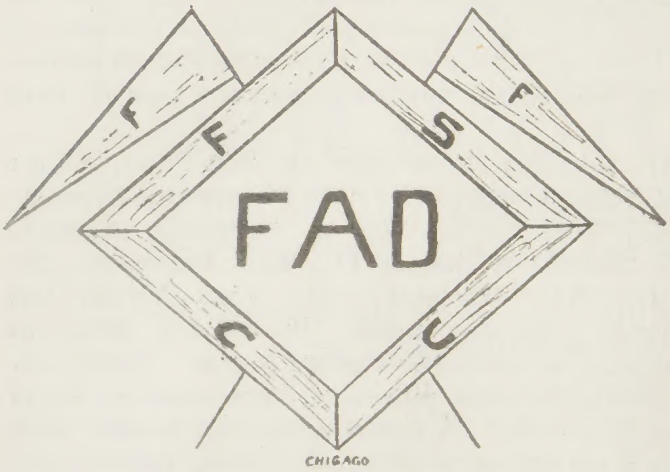
Gratz's death. Dr. Thomas Addis Emmett was always glad to show his collection before he sold it for the Astor Library. John Boyd Thacher of Albany put his wonderful collection of the French Revolution on exhibition at the Lenox Library. But as a rule little is known about the collections of America. Sometimes long articles are published in newspapers about collections which are described as very wonderful, but which are as a rule of very little importance.

There are large and very valuable collections in Cleveland, Ohio; Youngstown, Ohio; Baltimore; South Orange, N J.; Philadelphia, Altoona, Pa., New York, Syracuse, Utica, Washington, Boston, Montreal, Albany, Patterson, N. J., New London, Conn., Alliance, O., San Francisco, St. Louis, Lancaster, Pa., Green Bay, Wis., Marietta, Ohio, New Haven and Brooklyn. It would not be fair to mention names. There are scores of very interesting collections scattered all over the United States. These collections are growing,as when a collector once gets really interested he never stops while life and money remain to him. No good collection is ever made without money. When you see a collection of which the owner boasts that it has not cost him anything, you will generally find it is mostly trash, not worth house room. Good things are quickly discovered and properly valued. Mr. Croker in his book on autographs boasts that he never bought one, and gives a one page reproduction of the Washington he got for nothing. It is a good facsimile and shows a miserable forgery by Robert Spring. If Mr. Croker had bought his Washington he would have had a genuine one. Ben W. Austin of Sioux City accumulated a large collection by representing falsely that he was acting as agent of a Trinity Historical Society. He wrote to celebrities announcing that they had been elected honorary members and requesting donations of autographic material. He got in this way a lot of good things. He died in an insane asylum, and his collection was sold at auction and went into honest hands. As a rule a collectoc must expect to pay a fair price for a good autograph. You cannot get any autograph letter of "Washington" for ten dollars, unless Robert Spring wrote it for you. Your $5 Byron is generally the Gallignani letter about the "Vampire."

Beware of very cheap letters of exceedingly interesting contents. Very fine letters such as Lincoln's famous letter to the mother who lost five sons in the war, are always reproduced, and lithographing is very deceptive, especially when you are anxious to believe the letter genuine. There are many lithographs of Scott, Irving Burns, Lincoln, Washington, etc., masquerading as genuine in collections. Hardly a week passes without some being offered to me. A lithogaph may generally be told by the evenness of color, and softness of paper used. The ink also is indelible under acid.

Forty years ago autograph collectors knew each other better than they do today. Many obtained their specimens by exchanging with each other. This was easily done as there were no fixed values and it was a letter for a letter, and the collector who knew a rarity came out best. Today specimens would have to be exchanged on a money basis, and it would be troublesome and embarrassing. Collectors therefore prefer to buy what they want at auctions and from dealers. Often when they get duplicates they send them to auctions or sell them to dealers. As a rule however no collector who does not frame his autographs, objects to duplicates. Personally I have always been fond of comparing a letter written by a man in 1826, with one written by him in 1876. It is curious and interesting to note the changes and similaities.

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Dear Members:

We want to make "The Fad" the one large organization, devoted to the interests of postcard collectors, and in order to do so, we ask you to put your shoulder to the wheel and aid us all you can, and you will be well rewarded. We want to give all members their "money's worth." If any of the members have small circulars they want circulated send them to the Secretary, and they will be mailed along with our mail free of charge. Anything that can be done in the way of helping our members will be cheerfully done. Now, try your best for the success of "The Fad."

Yours fraternally,
Elmer O. Arends, Sec'y.

More About Aboriginal Life, By L. Rojot

The interesting article of Mr. Francis in the Nov. WEST reminds me of a fire place I found on the Platte River about six miles south of Denver, Colorado.

The place seems to show that the river was flowing near the camping place but is now over 150 feet above the bed of the river and half a mile away. I found in the ashes fragments of pottery (very crude) two arrows with defects, and two very small ones perfect. The flint chips were abundant, and mostly petrified wood, but as I went away from the fire place the chips became coarser and at the far end of the camp were soft rock, limestone and sand stone.

My impression was that the chiefs of skilled men were near the fire and the awkward and unskillful farther on. It looks as if, even at that time the tribe or family was exercising a certain degree of selection among its members, leaving the less useful ones on the outskirts of the camp. It is certain that, at one period, the majority of the flints were poorly worked but in this case, all degrees are shown at the same time.

A USELESS TASK.

From time to time no doubt the readers of the WEST have seen the following exchange notice:

Wanted, to Exchange Postal Cards of State Capitals. Address

Looks good, and the intentions of the party are also good. His hopes of making a collection of these are bright, and the cost will be but a trifle. After this appears, he waits for results. Along come a few cards, but mostly of big states A little longer wait, and after about one month has gone by he finds he has about 25 cards among them are about eight duplicates. The condition of the cards are far from being what he likes. Here is one all torn on the edge, another one has the sender's address on the back, another all finger marked, and so on. For every one received he sends one in return,—say he sends 20 cards which cost him 50c, adding postage on them makes 70c, all told, but the cards are not coming from every state, as he expected, but more duplicates are coming, and what is the result after three months of waiting to complete a set. He still lives in hopes, but the hopes are shattered as it is useless to try and complete, by means of exchanging. This has been my actual experience and there are others. The exchanging is very unsatisfactory. If you want a set of state capitals write to the advertiser of the postal cards and buy a set, then you will have them clean and from every state in the Union, and all of one publisher. The amount a set costs would not be in it with the other way. I tried to get a set, but finally bought one and had what I wanted,—it will save time and annoyance.

This does not apply to Capitals only but to most any collection where there are sets to be obtained.—Herman W. Boers.

The German empress, during a visit not long since to a pottery, noticing a fine model of a dog's head was informed that it was the work of a little son of one of the foremen. Soon afterwards her majesty sent for the boy and promising that he should be properly trained has sent him to an art school at her own expense.

Farmer Collects 100,000 Insects

Sent by H. W. Boers, Detroit

ECCENTRIC HOOSIER ALSO WHITTLES ARTISTIC WOODEN TOYS.

The two hobbies which for 45 years have occupied the attention of Isaac B. Woods, a farmer of this place, Summittville, Ind., are insects and whittled objects. He has been a devoted "insectologist," scorning the title of "entomologst,"until now he has in his collection fully 100,000 insects classified and under glass, labeled with the common name as well as the scientific name in artistic letters.

Mr. Woods will, without a second's hesitation, tell the peculiarities of every insect in his collection, describe their food, how and where they breed and give a complete family history of any of the members of his immense collection, many of which he has hatched out in his "breeding cages" and in his "bug house," a one story building which he built for an insect storeroom.

For the last five years Wood has, during his spare moments, been whittling on woods of all kinds, untll now he has another collection which is as interesting as his insect collection. It is undoubtedly the finest collection of miniature farm and household belongings in the United States. An old time log cabin, barn, corn crib, well sweep, surrounded by a pole fence, within which is arranged the farmer's tools of pioneer days, is but a beginning of the 10,000 pieces in the novel collection.

Among the belongings to the old time "whittled" farm are the ash hopper, lizard, harrow, bobsled, grain flail, cane mill, hog gallows, hand rake, ricks of poles for wood maul and wedges and innumerable other things all true in minutest detail, correct in miniature proportion, and finished with artistic touch It is, however, in the construction of a carpet loom that his ingenuity is best shown, he having made everything that goes with a loom, including cards, distaff, flax brake, reels and a dozen other bits of machinery that are a mystery to the generation of today. It is all in correct working order, all geared up to one wheel,and every one of the hundred or more wheels, shuttles and spindles runs when power is applied, weaving a strip of carpet about six inches in width.

PLATES THAT GROW.

"If you could eat your dinner off a service like this, now!" said a collector of porcelain, taking a strange, bright plate from a cabinet. "Why such a service would be worth $100,000 or more."

The plate's surface was covered with an irregular and glittering crystalline growth a half inch high Beautiful crystals, in their graceful outline suggesting quaint pagodas and gnarled trees, rose up everywhere from the porcelain pattern. It is," said the collector, "a growing plate. It is one of those plates whose clay, containing aluminum and magnesium, causes an outgrowth of crystals under the enamel. Such plates are very rare. I paid $2,000 for this one. Only a half-dozen growing plates are known. One,that belongs to a Boston collector is valued at $4 500 Another, that had belonged to a poor New York woman who attached no value to it, sold at auction in '91 for $3.700. It is interesting to have a growing plate in your collection. This specimen here has put forth three crystals under that little blue mountain design since it came into my hands."

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1. Members are required to answer all cards promptly.
2. Members must place their full name and address and UNION number on all cards sent for or in exchange.
3. Always enclose return postage when sending cards or letters to the Translation Department.

4. Always enclose return postage when writing for information of any kind.

5 Members should promptly renew when their membership expires, or else notify the society that you wish your name withdrawn.

6. The society gives as a premium, five beautiful unused cards for each new member secured, and also cedits you with one point on the Roll of Honor.

7. We close our report on the 15th of each month and all notices and new memberships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.

8. Members are requested to notify the publisher if you do not receive The WEST regularly, and not the Secretary of The UNION. The publisher has been paid for your subscription and is under obligations to send you the paper.

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11. We do not furnish membership lists at regular intervals, nor do we promise to furnish any one with a new list every month, but we will gladly mail lists when published to all sending postage. [The last list was published May 1st, so if you wish a copy, please send postage to the Secretary.]

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868.	Mrs. John Hoffman	12	314.	Miss M. Hays	8
	546. Pierson Hardwick	Points to date 7			

The following members have secured one or more points during the month just ended. One point is allowed for each new member secured.

		Previous	New	Total			Previous	New	Total
206.	John J. Lee		1	1	629.	Miss E. M. Carroll	3	2	5
690.	J. C. Jennings		1	1	916.	L. W. Dison	31	2	33
1030.	Allen L. Thompson		1	1	1450.	W. A. Brushoff		1	1
1510.	D. W. Martin	3	1	4	1521.	Pedro Tanchanco		1	1
1531.	Ira O. Dow	3	1	4	1578.	Mrs. H. S. Graham		1	1

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LISTEN

Are you surprised at the large number of new members this month? Next month and each month thereafter we can have five to ten times as many new ones, if each of our active members will convince one of their friends that card collecting is an educational pastime and that THE UNION a progressive society. An increased membership means a larger field for exchange, and as THE UNION is strictly co-operative, it rests with each individual member how large our society shall become and how large a field its membership shall cover. Please send in a request for 5 to 100 or more of our descriptive application blanks, circulate them to the best of your ability, and watch THE UNION grow.

ATTENTION!

THE UNION would be very pleased to obtain the photographs of as many of our members as possible, particularly of our foreign members, together with a short history of your life and a descriptoin of your card collection or other hobbies in which you may be interested. These will be reproduced as soon as consistent in THE PHILATLEIC WEST, and we hope all our Mebmers and Repreentatives will help us make this a permanent and successful feature of THE UNION. Who will be first?

WHY NOT BE OUR REPRESENTATIVE?

We again call attention to the fact that we are desirous of completing our list of Representatives in Canada and the United States at a very early date. There are still quite a number of American States and Canadian Provinces in which THE UNION does not have an official Representative.

If you reside in one of these, kindly communicate with us at once regarding the appointment as Representative. You will be surprised at the liberal remuneration allowed our Representatives in consideration of the small service required.

NEW MEMBERSHIP LIST.

After considerable delay the new membership list promised November 1st has been published, and includes all new memberships shown in this report. A stamp mailed to the Secretary will bring you a copy.

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Secretary of the Navy, Metcalf, received a specimen of the postcards issued by the Japanese Department of communications as a souvenir of the visit of the American battleship fleet to that country. It bears a picture of a warship surrounded by the intertwined Japanese and American flags. It was addressed to the "Secretary of Marine" by Keinosuko Horita, who describes himself as a 12 year old scholar of the primary school of Tokio. The card was found to bear this message: "The battleship fleet of your esteemed country has just entered Yokohama harbor. We long for a closer friendship with your noble nation. Prosperity and happiness to your excellency.

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NOTICE TO REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuis society wants no drones upon its Rep. list, so we are making this offer for good work instead of expelling all of them right off.

If you bring in one new member before Feb. 15,1909 your name will not be banished from our list, otherwise it will be. New, joining while this is in effect will be allowed to be representatives without regard to above rule.

ALWAYS REMEMBER.

When writing the President, Vice President or Secy-Treas., to enclose postage This above rule must be obeyed. Remember.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

There will be a new membership list published Jan. 1, 1909, all members sending 2c stamp will receive it. Let us know what we can do for you. Contest No 3, will be dropped.

COMPLAINT.

79. Mr. Geo. Reid Jr., kindly send Dr. H. E. Jones two cards in return to his of June 13th. Have you any complaints?

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

67. Thos. Heyl from 3376 E. 66th St., New York City, to 415 E. 63rd St., New York City.

12. Miss Ella Borgen from Snyder, Colo., to Littleton, Colo.

NEW MEMBERS.

134. O. L. Prentice, Perry, Ohio; will always send first.
135. Mrs. Emogene Webb, Perry, Ohio " "
136. D. J. Webb, Perry, Ohio " "
137. Willis Nolan, Madison, Ohio " "
138. Lloyd G. Cline, Hutchinson, Kans., high grade actress cards, reproductions of old paintings; also cards showing customs of people.
139. Frank Brendell, 1243 Battery Ave., Baltimore, Md., good colored cards—no comics.
140. Emil Pecher, West, Iowa, views from everywhere.

RENEWALS.

12. Miss Ella Borgen, Littleton, Colo.

Dues for renewals are only 50c for U. S and Island colonies and 75 cents for foreign countries Dues for renewals when paper is not wanted is 35c in U. S. and Island colonies and 45c foreign. Will Nos. 6, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25 and 26 kindly renew before next report is sent in.

Notice change in Renewal fee.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Pan Am. S. C. C. has now two official organs Philatelic West and Philatelic Flashes. If you are not a subscriber to Philatelic Flashes say so when sending in renewal or dues. Representatives will no longer be published. As you will notice this club is giving you everything the other club is giving, besides giving you subscription to two papers and defense under the Defense Plan which this club originated. I am sure we will make 500 by Jan 1910 and I believe we will make it easily. Mr. Nolan, our President, seems doubtful. Yours Respectfully,

Clarence V. Webb, Sec'y-Treas.

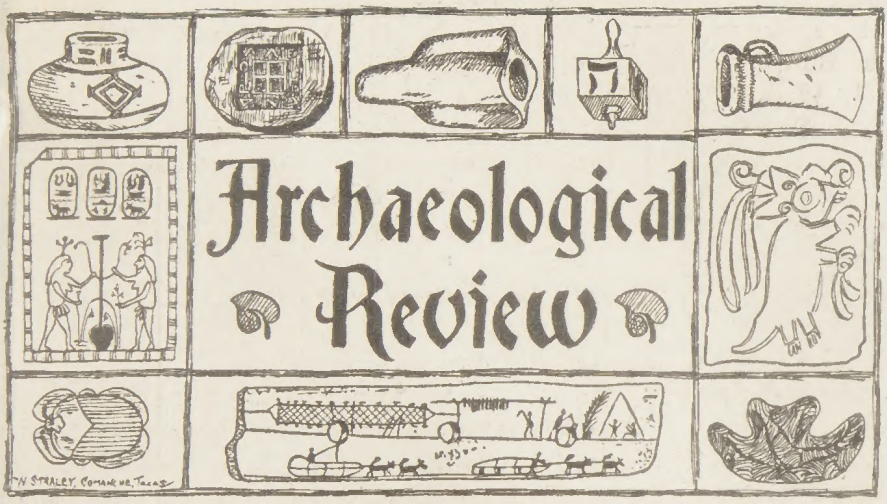
THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Fellow Members:

Our Society has already entered upon the second year of its existence. The first year was a very successful one,because over one hundred new members were obtained—an achievement, which has not been accomplished by many societies during their first year But let us not be content to rest with this good record. We surely ought to be able to better it this year, because collectors have learned by this time that the Pan-American is a society that is going to stay. I hope I am not placing too high a mark when I say that we ought, anyway, to have three hundred members on our list at the end of our second year. If each member secures one new member during the year, we can easily reach the mark. Can not each one of us secure one new member? Our society is one of the best of its kind, and, in order to keep up its good name and to increase its influence, we must obtain as many new members as possible. It is up to you my fellow members to do this. The officers will do all they can if you only do your part, but without the help of the members the officers cannot make the society all that it should be. Show your interest, by sending either to the secretary or myself for a bunch of application blanks and distributing them among your collecting friends. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation,

Sincerely,

Willis Nolan, President.



EDITOR'S NOTE.—Publishers of archaeological journals and books, are requested to send copies for review, to address below. Also desire notes and clippings of archaeological interest. Proper credit given to all correspondents.
David B. Emert, Dawson, Shelby Co., Ohio,

St. Louis, November 24 —Human bones believing to have been those of ixteen mound builders, were found at 2nd and St. Clair Avenues, East St. Louis, today by workmen who were diggng an excavaton for a hay ware house. Despite efforts to keep the bones together most of them were carried away by persons living near by. In the bottom of the chief's tomb were found five pottery bowls, two flint arrowheads and a stone hatchet.

OWNS CURIOSITY SHOP

Chares F. Alkire of Mt Sterling is the proud possessor of a curiosity shop. In it he has stored all manner of curious things, from Indian relics to Colonial clocks. First he started collecting stamps, then turned his attention to rare coins, and year by year has widened his researches, until now he takes anything that is of unique interest as a relic of bygone days. Here are stored firearms of a variety of patterns and historical epochs, flags of war Indian utensils of battle a wooden sausgage mill, an Italian water yoke—in fact, interesting curios from all over the world gathered in a lifetime. Every year or so Mr. Alkire sells off some of his duplicates or exchanges for some relic not already in his collecton. It is conceded that his collecton of arrowheads is even better than the state's display at Columbus, and he is adding to it all the time. It will well repay any visitors to call on "Charley" Alkire to see this wonderful collection and also to meet the odd genius who is the father of it.—London Times. He takes The WEST.

KING OF ITALY SENDS HIS BOOK TO ROOSEVELT.

The volume dealing with Italian coins, in the compilation of which the King of Italy has been occupied for ten years, has just been published. The book containing phototypes of 120,00 coins. The King has sent copies of his work to the King of England, the German Emperor, the King of Sweden, Mr. Roosevelt, M. Falliers, M. Loubet, and to the Czar and other sovereigns.

A remarkable coincidence is noted that the Pope has contemporaneously published an analogous work, dealing with medals and coins to be found in the Vatican

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All officers by virtue of their office, are members of this committee.

To members of this Association who receive unsolicited selections of stamps, with no retu postage are requested to return same by express "COLLECT" and send name of firm to Secreta

To the Members of the S. P. A.:

Before retiring from my present office, I am compelled to announce th resignation of the Chairman of the Recruitnig Committee, one of the mo active members of our Association, and one whom we have to thank hearti for all he has done for the S P. A , Mr. L. L. Dickerson, there is one co solation that in spite of ill health and overwork, Brother Dickerson promis to do all he can to aid the Association in its upward flight, and let us wis that he will regain his health in a short while.

My promise, to give a recapitulation of what has been done in the la few years and a short history of the S.P.A., I am sorry I cannot give in th number as business prevents me, but in the very near future, I will have th same ready. With best wishes to my successor, and hoping the coming ye will keep our secretary busy issuing membership cards, I bid you all a heart farewell.

Fraternally yours,
Fred G. Fuessel, Pres.

SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT.—APPLICATIONS.

1. Henry J. Dicke, 1783 1st Ave., New York City, clerk, Ralph L. Mut A. P. A.

2. Geo. E. Anthonisz, Havelock Town, Colombo, Ceylon, 42, commi sion agent, Charles Roemer, A. P. A.

3. E A. Hemphill, 426 Poplar St., Abilene, Texas, 26, traveling sale man, R. L. Doak Trader's Bank.

4. Ezra C. Bailey, Box 91, Holbrook, Mass., 19, Stamp Dealer, R. I Doak, Willard O. Wylie.

5. E.J. Dempsey, 593 Quincy St., Brooklyn, N.Y., stamp dealer, R. I Doak, Wm. L. Beneke.

6. Christie G. Heck, 1501 West 6th St., Racine, Wis., 16, student, F L. Doak, Christian H. Heck.

7. Herbert C. Scofield, Reno, Nevada, 41, Supt. of Const. U.S. Buil ings, L. G. Cline, H. W Huskey.

8. C. Staub, 1151 Marquette Bldg., Chicago, Ill., "23," stamp deale Frank B. Breuer, United Stamp Co.

9. Nathen Johnston, Box 86, Monroe, La., 19, cashier Famous D Goods Co., Charles Roemer, G. C. Hill.

10. Fred Hagen, 182 Pitt St., Sydney, N. S , W. Australia, 48, stam dealer, L. T. Brodstone, A. P. S.

The above will be admitted within 20 days, providing there are no objections filed with the Secretary prior to that date.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

239. Karl Longee from East Tilton, N.H. to 321 Pike St.,Cincinnatti, Ohio.

Dear Members:—I am pleased to state to our members that the S.P.A. is now thoroughly organizing for the 1909 campaign. The new corps of officers begin on Jan. 1st and it is my sincere hope that all will use every effort in furthering the S. P. A. We have a work for 1909; we want to double our present list and this can be done if all come forward to the rescue of those already using every effort. Brighter prospects were never viewed by the S. P. A. than for 1909. Our success is assured and there is but one "If" "If" our present members will but realize and take advantage of every opportunity this new year of extending an invitation to all fellow collectors, do it earnestly and enthusiastically when 1910 dawns the result will verify every proposition or prophesy I have made. Please understand that WE DEPEND ON YOU. We are building our structure of success on you. When we win yours will be the glory, the fruits of the victory will belong to you. We can only fail through indifference and neglect of our members.

I am utterly helpless without your co operation. Your chief contribution to the Grand Old S. P A. will be your prompt work in soliciting members for the Association, which is a credit to every honest philatelist.

Will you stand back idly, and leave a few do the work? I feel sure the members of this Ascoiatoin are of a more loyal nature and will freely respond and aid us in our Undertaking.

Mr. Brodstone informs me that there has been much dissatisfaction resulting from the clerk who managed the WEST during his trip to Europe. I have had many complaints about not getting the "WEST". Mr. Brodstone desires each member who failed to get his WEST to write him stating the number or numbers missed, and he will supply them if on hand. So those who failed to get WESTS please take up the matter with the publisher. He promises justice to all.

DUES:—As 1909 is near and our present year ends Dec 31st, I ask all member to look up their card and if it read "This card expires Jan. 1st, 1909," kindly remit your dues which is the small sum of 35c in U. S. and possessions and 60c to all other countries. Hoping all will respond at once and save me the trouble of notifying each member personally. Blanks free to all. How many can you use?

Best wishes Compliments of 1909.

Prof. R. L. Doak, Secretary.

RECRUITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Fellow Members:—This committee having been established but ten months ago, has attained a record of fortyfive members. Since Mr. L L. Dickerson's time is so engaged that he has not ample time to take up this work, I haeve consented to steer the work of recruiting for the ensuing year We members have a work before us, one that requires the effort of every member. Our list CAN BE DOUBLED if only we use a little energy. Why not ask that friend collector to enter our ranks? Tell him wherein he is benefited by joining. 1. That all the various departments are at his disposal. 2. That the WEST (a 50c journal) is sent him each month free of cost. 3 . That the dues are only 35c per year and the initiation fees but

15c. We want more workers and our committee is bound to grow. If yo are energetic and can do some good work for the S. P. A., let me hear an I will supply you with blanks and see that your name goes on the list c workers. Hoping all will go to work and make the January report a mon strous one, I am, fraternally,

H. S. Powell, Chairman, Storm Lake, Iowa.

EXCHANGE DEPT.

30 Books Received	Catalogue value	$28 69
47 books retired	Catalogue value	59 52
26 Books on hand		$219 17

Members Wake up' Do you realize what you are missing? Don't you know a good thing when you see it? All members sending for books to enter stamps in my Dept. in the next 30 days, and promising to fill the books and partcipate in this Exchange will be supplied with 2 books free of charge. Will all members who have sent for books kindly send them in at once?

This department has been very much retarded by slowness of our members to take adantage of the excellent opportunity to exchange their duplicates. Wake up! Let me hear from you.

Wm. E Ault, Jeffersonville, Ind , Mgr. Ex. Dept.

Sales Superintendent's Report, Oct. 20th, 1908.

75 books in circulation, as per last month's report, value	$1506 03
8 books received since, value	78 04
83 books in circulation, value	1584 07
5 books retired during the month, of which the am't of $12 62 was sold	46 88
78 books in circulation, value	$1537.19

Insurance Fund.

Amount on hand as per last report	$92.00
1 per cent from retired books	.47
Total amount	$92 50

It is my painful duty to report that I have had several complaints from members, who have books in the Department, that some of our members are Substitutng stamps. This is one of the most contemptiole acts that takes place in a stamp collectors Society. It has got to be stopped if it is not, action will be taken against certain members. During the summer months quite a number of members dropped out from the Sales Department; if they desire now to receive circuits again, they must so inform the Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted, Charles Roemer, Superintendent.

Note. Above report should appear in the November Number, in place of Mr. Cass' report of the Stamp Collectors' Protective Association.

Nov. 20th, 1908.

78 books in circulation, as per last month's report, value	$1537.19
15 books received since, value	$1782.25
9 book retired during the month, of which the am't of $68.17 was sold	151.92
84 books in circulation, value	1630 33

Insurance Fund.

Amount on hand as per last month's report	$92.50
1 per cent from retired books	1.52
Total amount	$94.02

Repectfully submitted, Charles Roemer, Superintendent

Report of Auction Manager, for December.

Fellow Members:--This month I am advertising the first Auction sale

f the S. P. A. and hope to have your most liberal bids on any lots you can use, as we wish to make this department a success. Anyone, whether a member or not, may bid at the sale, but stamps are SOLD ONLY FOR MEMBERS. Any member having stamps should address the auction manager for terms etc. B. L. Voorhees.

Our Illustrations--Concluded

AN ENVELOPE COMMEMORATING INTERNATIONAL PENNY POSTAGE bearing on its face a unique design to commemorate the establishment of the "penny rate of postage" between the United States and England has been received. The envelope is one of 6,000 similar souvenirs, containing appropriate communcations, sent out to stamp collectors in the United States by a philatelic society of London, by the first mail leaving England after the penny rate went into effect. October1 In the upper left corner of the decorative design on the envelope is an ocean steamship, 1908. In the upper right corner is the one penny, red English stamp, bearing the head of Edward VII., in place of the two and a half pence stamp usually seen on letters from England. In the center at the top appears the British coat of arms, and under it the legend: "Penny Postage Link the English Speaking Peoples of the World At the bottom in the center is the United States eagle and shield surmounted by a design of one of Columbus' ships and the date 1492. Below are the American and English flags. At the left the name Victoria and at the right Washington, each with appropriate dates. Maps of the British Isles and of the United States are included in the designs as well as scrolls bearing important names and dates. Besides Edward VII, and Roosevelt is the name Dockwra, who in 1680 was identified with the establishing of the first penny post in London, England Then there is the name E. Burritt, referring to the American "learned blacksmith," among whose advocated reforms was a cheaper postage. The name of Rowland Hill also appears, because it was under his administration as postmaster general in England in 1840 that the history of postage stamps in national use began. Benjamin Franklin, who was postmaster of Philadelphia in 1737 and who became deputy postmaster general for England in the colonies in 1753, is also among those respected by philatelists. The name Buxton is a tribute to Rt. Hon, Sydney Charles Butxon, postmaster general of England since 1905, and the name Von Meyer to George Von Lengerke Meyer, postmaster general of the United States. under whose administration penny postage became a reality. A 2c postage to Germany comes in first of next year.

CARRIES VALUABLE FOSSILS EAST.

Dr. Holland of the Carnegie museum in Pittsburg, Pa., who spent the entire season in northwestern Nebraska, conducting expeditions in the fossil region, has left for the east. He took with him the largest load of fossils ever carried from the state. The material found in the Agate Springs fossil quarries are of considerable importance to Mr. Holland, as they will enable him to set up, with very little restoration, the skeletons of several very ancient animals, long since extinct, which will add greatly to the collection in the Carnegie museum at Pittsburg.

Post Mark collectors may be interested to know that a special post mark was used to commemorate the visit of the American Fleet at Yokohoma, Japan, Oct. 18-24, 1908.

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To Members C. P. S.:—

Since last month I have received the following applications:

174. Louis W. Bartel, D. M. M., 2117 N. Garrison Ave ,St. Louis Mo. Ref , Commercial Trust Co and L. T. Brodstone.

175. W. Hadlow, 12 Adam St., Strand,London, stamp auctioneer,Pro. by L. T. Brodstone.

176. A. G. Laurent, 74 W. 45 St., New York City, Pro. by R.J. Mundell.

177. J. W. Scott, stamp dealer, 36 John St.,New York City. Pro. by L. T. Brodstone.

178. Lewis May & Co.. Stamp Dealers, 15 King William St , Strand, London, member Junior J. P. S. Pro. by L. T. Brodstone.

Will those members whose names appeared last month kindly remit the balance of dues to the Secretary—25 cents. I expect in the near future to announce a plan of campaign that will bring us many new members Watch for it. R. J. Mundell, Secretary, Box 773, Montreal, Que.

The Junior Stamp Club of Denver, Colorado

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MINUTES.

The 45th regular meeting of the J. S. C. of Denver, was held Nov. 6th, at the residenche of J. C Skinner, 2219 W. 33rd Ave. With 7 members present the meeting was called to order Vice President Skinner in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting approved as read. Resignations of S. A. McManus and O. T. Hartmann accepted. Verbal resignation of C M. Snyder as Treasurer was accepted. J. Jackson was nominated and unanimously elected Exchange Manager, vice S.A. McManus resigned Committee reported that $1.38 due the insurance fund had been turned over from the treasury. An auction sale was then held netting several dollars. There being no further business the club adjourned to entertainment which consisted of the first of the series of prize stamp exhibits, U. S. and U S. Revenues. Following were appointed judges: E. Rider, F. W. Kline, A. L. Nell. F. Fellows' collection won first, 9 points; J. C. Skinner second, 6 points; J. Kramer third, 3 points. Next exhibit will be Cuba. Refreshments were furnished by Skinner. A. L. Nell, Secretary.



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" VII	"	½ Groat 1485	65
" VII	"	Groat 1485	1 25
" VIII	"	Groat 1509	65
" VIII	"	" London mint	1 75
Charles II	"	Groat 2nd coinage	75
Henry VI	"	Groat 1413	1 25
James I	"	6d 1604	85
Charles I	"	2d 1644	75
Edw. IV	"	Groat 1461	1 10
James I	"	½ crown 1604	3 00
Elizabeth	silver	1sh 1561(ham'r'd)	1 10
"	"	1sh milled	1 25

George II 1757-6d	80
" II 1758 shilling	1 25
Anne 1711 shilling	1 00
Roman Denarius, silver A. D. 96 Nerva	95
Roman Trajan A. D. 98	1 00
" silver Ant-Pius A. D. 138	90
" " Faustina " 161	95
" " Hadrian " 117	85
" " Vespasian " 69	75
" " Domitian " 81	85
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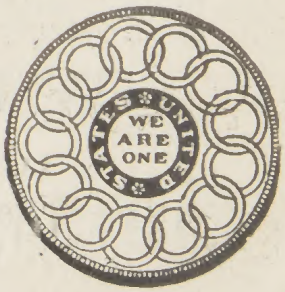


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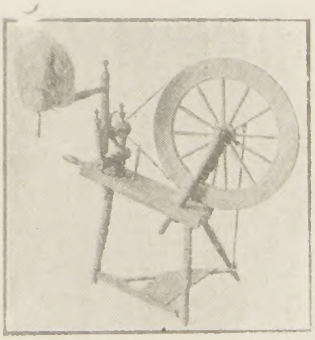
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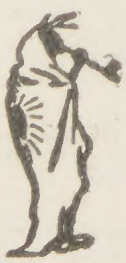
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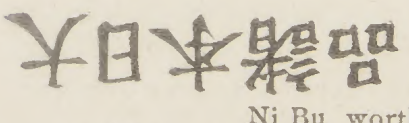
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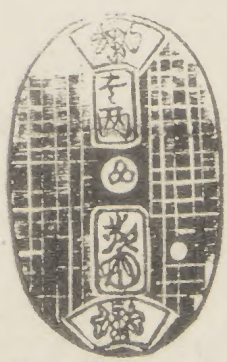
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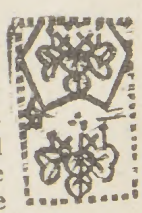
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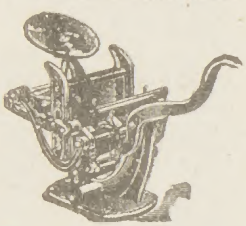
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